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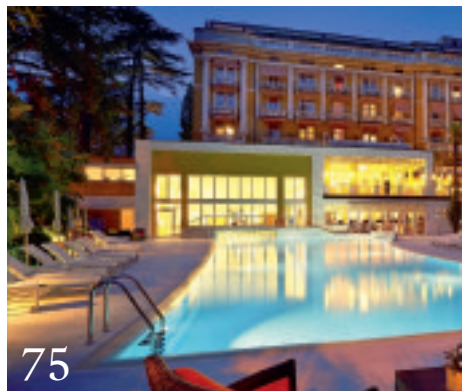
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# Editor's Letter

**H**appy new year to one and all! I do hope that by the time you are reading this, you feel thoroughly rested post the festive season and that the Christmas jollities have all gone smoothly and to plan – turkeys golden and uncharred, presents all bought with time to spare etc etc – and all minus familial discord. Then again, you may, like most of us, feel somewhat exhausted by the relentless merrymaking and feel desperate to detox, quite happy not to look a glass of champagne square in the face for a full month, allowing our systems to finally recover from the onslaught. Perhaps this year, we should take inspiration from those rigorously dedicated Olympic athletes who will be descending upon our city in just a matter of months now and eschew the indulgence for something a little more healthy.

To this end, we've decided to look towards the things in life that are more conducive to wellbeing. One woman who knows all about such things is Jo Malone, the nose behind the stratospherically famous eponymous luxury fragrance and candle brand. She tells Rupa Sudra about why she made the monumental decision to walk away from the brand that bears her name to set up Jo Loves and all the twists and turns it entailed. Read all about it on page 20.

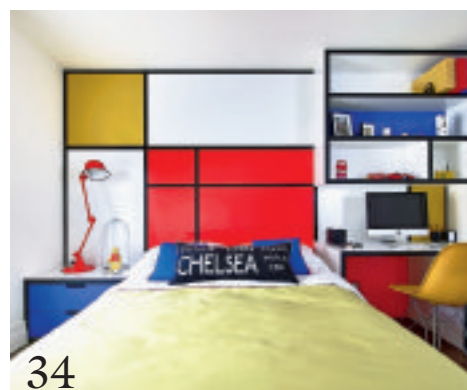
Elsewhere, Lucie Greene picks the most stylish sportswear in which to get fit (page 53), Christena Appleyard jets off to the Dolomites to check in to Palace Merano – beloved of the German chancellor and footballers alike – for a full body MOT and some practical nutrition advice (page 75), we round up some of the best spas, beauty treatments and products in the area (from page 59), and personal trainer to the stars Louise Parker lets us into her world on page 107. But for those who resolutely refuse to get in on the detox act, we also guide you through the best places in London to tuck in to some seriously good tea and cake (and finger sandwiches and scones)... which is all most civilized (page 94). And finally, don't miss our fashion shoot starring the timelessly beautiful Sophie Anderton, styled by Francesca Barrow of Faconner and photographed at Rubelli's Chelsea showroom (page 47).

I do hope you have a happy, healthy start to 2012 – we shall meet again in February, when we shall doubtless be itching to crack open the champagne in time for Valentine's Day. Until then...



*Nancy*

**Nancy Alsop**  
Acting Editor



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# local life

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## UNTIL 31 JANUARY

Mila Nesterova's fashion photography, still life prints and light boxes – complete with references to her formative early encounters with the Russian ballet – decamp west this month after an acclaimed show in the East End during London Fashion Week. Presented in two parts, **BIOLUMINESCENCE** is a study in experimental ultraviolet lighting effects. Says the artist: "On stage everything is exaggerated and lighting enhances the visual aspect of the performance, adding colour and depth. I am fascinated by UV lights and how they transform everything into a dazzling explosion of colour. Everything looks more interesting, shadows and flickers of light give objects and people more depth." Indeed, Nesterova is a self-described 'explorer of light', and as such is fascinated by nature's bioluminescent creatures which glow to ward off predators. See her compelling work at **Mania Mia, 370 New Kings Road, SW6 4RF, [milanesterova.com](http://milanesterova.com)** ➔





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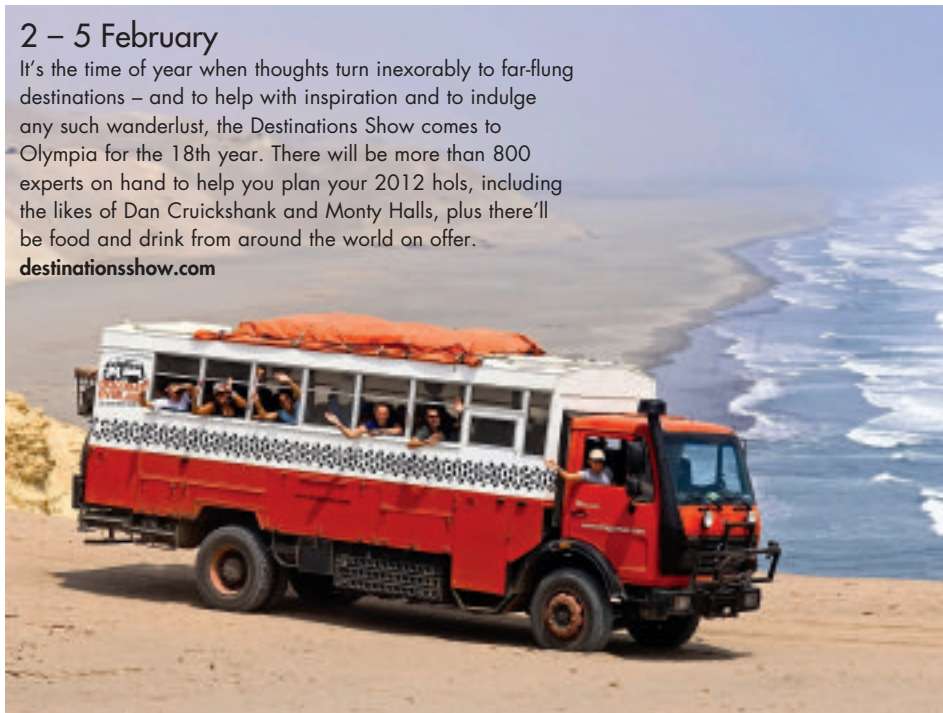
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## 2 – 5 February

It's the time of year when thoughts turn inexorably to far-flung destinations – and to help with inspiration and to indulge any such wanderlust, the Destinations Show comes to Olympia for the 18th year. There will be more than 800 experts on hand to help you plan your 2012 hols, including the likes of Dan Cruickshank and Monty Halls, plus there'll be food and drink from around the world on offer.

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## 13 January – 11 February

Rafe Spall and Sally Hawkins star in *Constellations* at The Royal Court, a compelling play about free will and friendship. This new work from George Devine Award winner Nick Payne follows his success with *Wanderlust*, and *If There Is I Haven't Found It Yet* at the Bush Theatre. Michael Longhurst directs. Book online at [royalcourttheatre.com](http://royalcourttheatre.com)

## 11 January – 11 February

The Little Black Gallery this month celebrates Yul Brynner – but not as we know him. As well, it seems, as being a prodigiously talented and versatile actor, he was also a snapper extraordinaire and – even better – his subjects were some of the most pivotal figures in cinematic history, such as Audrey Hepburn, shown here. Charming, the show has been organised in collaboration with Brynner's daughter, Victoria. Who knew? **13a Park Walk, SW10 0AJ, [thelittleblackgallery.com](http://thelittleblackgallery.com)**

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### Halfway to Pluto

The £1.5m appeal to raise funds to buy a surgical robot called Pluto which would enable doctors at Chelsea and Westminster to perform intricate surgery on babies and children more precisely and effectively has reached its half way mark. Thanks to a generous donation of £500,000 from GlaxoSmithKline, the hospital came one step closer since the appeal launched in June to having the first robot dedicated to paediatric surgery in the South of England – and only the second for use by paediatric surgeons in the whole country. Mr Munther Haddad, Service Director of Paediatric Surgery at Chelsea and Westminster Hospital and Chair of The Children's Hospital Trust Fund said: "We are thrilled to receive this donation from GSK. It is a huge endorsement of the importance of The Pluto Appeal to receive such incredible support from a company as well-respected as GSK. Their support also demonstrates their recognition of the importance of having a robotic operating facility for children and babies at Chelsea and Westminster Hospital." **To donate, visit [theplutoappeal.com](http://theplutoappeal.com)**

## ROUND UP



### Robberies on the rise

Police figures have shown that numbers of muggings and burglaries are up in all but two boroughs – Ealing and Enfield – in the capital. Scotland Yard reported that muggings are up by 16 per cent in Kensington and Chelsea as compared to this time last year, with an increase in knife-point crime in Pimlico in particular – although this pales in comparison with the 45 per cent rise in Islington. Professor Mike Hough, co-ordinator of the Institute for Criminal Policy Research at Birkbeck College, said: "It's not hardship or unemployment or poverty in itself that drives crime upwards but the growth in income inequality." Bernie Ecclestone, pictured left, is one such recent victim, after he was kicked to the ground by a gang outside his business HQ in Knightsbridge, and asked to remove jewellery and watches. The gang fled before the police could come to the aid of the 81-year-old.



### Competition

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Greg Cole



Carrie Fewins and James Ingham



Ben Randal and Charlie Champion



Charlie Perring and Tom Perring



Charlie Champion and John Wells

**Numero uno**  
Getting one's photo taken on Santa's knee took on a whole new meaning at UNO restaurant in Pimlico last month as two prominent Westminster-based property developers – James Ingham and Martin Osbourne – held their Christmas festivities with plenty of Santa's Little Helpers on hand to pour the free-flowing drinks. The great and the good of the property world turned out, all of whom made a trip to Santa's grotto. As the party went on into the wee hours, we wonder who was naughty and who was nice...



Henriikka Kempfi, Martin Osbourne, Olga Kristelova, James Ingham



Santa's little helpers with Martin Osbourne and Greg Cole



Martin Osbourne

## Arty party

Andre Lanaurve last month held a very special party in the glamorous surrounds of a Queen's Gate property currently for sale on the agency's books. But as well as showing off the beautiful apartment and making merry with the lots of friends, the gathering also doubled as a showcase for the fabulously talented (and fabulously glam) painter Olga Baby and the maker of spectacular vintage-inspired jewellery William Wain – which ensured that if guests were unjewelled when they arrived, they certainly were not by the time the left.



Piers Hiller, Sophie Ace, Sofia Koopman and Magdalena Grabarz



Magdalena Grabarz, Jean-Claude Gunther Andre and Olga Baby



Olga Baby and William Wain



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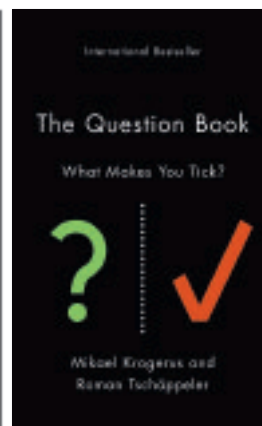
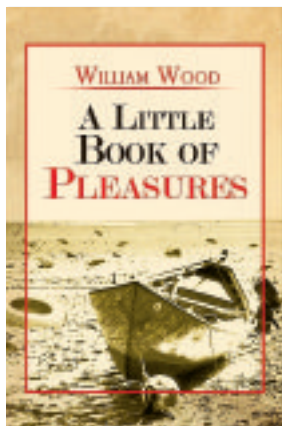
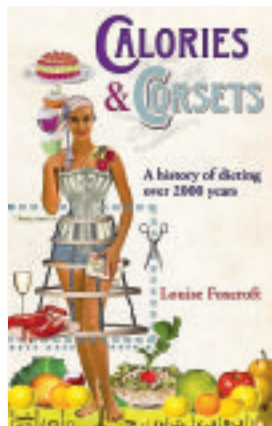


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# Well read

By Robert Gwyn Palmer



**CALORIES AND CORSETS: A history of diets and dieting over 2,000 years,** Louise Foxcroft, Profile Books Hardback/ebook £14.99

We think of dieting as a modern phenomenon, but mankind has been at it since the times of the Greeks and the Romans. Think of all those medieval fasting days and how they might have been turned to physical as well as spiritual advantage. Consider the corsets the Georgians and Victorians wore, perhaps preferable to the ‘rolling instruments’ of the Edwardians’ ‘reducing salons’. The ‘Banting Diet’ Agatha Christie wrote about is still referred to by the Royal Family, as they consider it a bit ‘non-U’ to refer to the ‘diet’ word, a tradition that might change with the next royal generation, since the sylph-like nature of the Middleton femme is credited to the Dukan diet. Fascinatingly told by historian Louise Foxcroft, this is food and our relationship with it as social history. I can guarantee it will be the least painful diet book you’ll read this year.

**THE LITTLE BOOK OF PLEASURES,** William Wood, Sunpenny Publishing Paperback £7.99

If January isn’t a good time to count our blessings, I don’t know when is. In this world now dominated by instant accessibility to matters far beyond the immediate, it is increasingly hard to look around us at the small things that really matter. William Wood, during his nomadic life, has witnessed the different ways of many cultures, and offers insights into how we can look at the quotidian with fresh eyes. The turn of a staircase, the

softness of an animal’s neck, the beauty of a picture should not be taken for granted, but appreciated, to feed both soul and mind. The laughing baby on YouTube that captivated the whole nation is just the sort of life-enhancing thing we ought to value more highly. A perfect book to dip into to allay winter-solstice gloom now that the distraction of Christmas is behind us.

**THE FOOD HOSPITAL,** Giovanni Miletto, Lucy Jones and Shaw Somers, Michael Joseph Paperback £16.99

It’s all very well losing weight, but it doesn’t mean it makes you healthy. Our obsession with weight, as opposed to health, has led us seriously astray. Here to help is this dream team – a doctor, a dietician and a gastrointestinal specialist – who have come up with a series of recipes that not only stop you eating the sort of food that makes you fat, but contain the sort of food that makes you healthy. So forget your prejudices and be happy to know that dark chocolate is just the – healthy – thing for chronic fatigue, or try out the team’s theory that eating curry will improve your memory. There are also lots of other tips for improving your health, from the trivial – dandruff – to dementia. A medicine chest in one volume and a very good way to start the year.

**THE QUESTION BOOK,** Mikael Krogerus and Roman Tschäppeler, Profile Books Hardback £9.99

Can you still remember your New Year resolutions? This creative duo might help you assess how realistic, or even desirable, they

were in the first place. Authors of the international bestseller *The Decision Book*, here they’re offering thought-clarifying analyses with a totally new perspective on age-old problems. What would be your dream job if you had all the money in the world? Why aren’t you trying to make it happen? Is it because you’re frightened of change, as many of us are? Or is it that you fear pressing on with ideas or a way of life that will cause you to be censured by others? We can all supply answers to the questions posed, but this ‘toolbox’ probes that bit further, asks for clearer reasoning and suggests a path forward. 2012: a new year. What have we got to fear from it but fear itself?

**SOMETHING OF THE NIGHT,** Ian Marchant, Simon and Schuster Hardback £14.99

Is January the darkest month of the year? It certainly feels like it, which gives you a very good excuse to stay inside and read this witty and wide-ranging discussion of the world through the eyes of night owl polymath (writer, musician, lecturer) Ian Marchant. As he tells his life story, you’ll glean that in medieval London, householders were required to light a lantern outside their houses to keep the city safe at night, and that the first sodium lighting went up in the Thirties in Purley Way, Croydon. From circadian rhythms and a good night’s sleep to the merits of Eighties pop music and the rights and the wrongs of the sex industry, this is an incredibly funny and well-written outpouring of one man’s life lived according to his own principles, both in daylight and at night.



# A nose for business

Beauty entrepreneur Jo Malone is back with a new fragrance brand and this time she's doing things differently. She tells **Rupa Sudra** why after a false start she's ready to conquer the world again



**J**o Malone is talking about the last time she gave her husband a fright. “I remember saying to Gary that I wanted to pull the launch. He turned ashen and looked as if he was going to be sick! He didn’t say anything for a few hours and then he came around,” she laughs warmly. We’re sitting in the expansive beauty hall in Oxford Street’s Selfridges store, where Malone has just addressed the UK press about her new venture Jo Loves.

Yes, the 48-year-old did stall the initial launch, much to the dismay of her husband of 26 years, but she had good reason to. It was actually Malone’s keen sense of smell that was telling her something was amiss. She could detect that the key ingredient in two of the scents wasn’t of the right quality. Once her perfumers unravelled the fragrances, they agreed and made the change.

“And then, the minute I got it [the scents] right, I knew those four fragrances were the best I could produce and that’s what was important to me. Yes, it did cost me some money but it saved my reputation, and that to me is more important,” she says with sagacity.

The petite blonde who hails from a council estate in Bexleyheath, Kent, has always shown entrepreneurial zeal. She started out in the floristry business before following in her mother’s footsteps and becoming a facialist. In 1993, spurred on by Gary, she created her Facial Clinic in Chelsea, and developed creams on the side.

Her client list grew rapidly, but it wasn’t until the early 90s that she began to experiment with fragrance and created a bath oil which her clients snapped up. She opened her first store in 1994 and rapidly expanded across the UK and Ireland.

But it was when she sold her sought-after Jo Malone brand to beauty giant Estee Lauder in 1999 that Malone’s reputation really took off. She stayed on as creative director and founder, and her nose for fragrance and keen business sense elevated the brand to

flourishing international success.

Five years later however, Malone was diagnosed with breast cancer and there began her two-year battle. After undergoing gruelling chemotherapy, having a mastectomy and then choosing to have a prophylactic mastectomy, she received the all-clear and was soon back to the day job.

But in 2006, she decided to make the hardest decision of all and walked away from the brand she had built from scratch. “I cried a lot about not being part of something I truly loved, but I felt in my soul that it was the right time to go. And I know now in

hindsight that it was.”

Since then, Malone has starred in a successful TV series *High Street Heroes*, which saw her helping budding British entrepreneurs start up their own businesses. Her direct can-do attitude made her an instant hit in front of the camera – audiences liked the fact that she was honest but equally down-to-earth. Initially though, she didn’t feel television was for her, and even told the producer she had made a huge mistake.

But once the TV execs reassured her it was the ‘true her’ that they wanted to see, Malone gave it her all. She also spent a lot of

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time cooking, which inspired her to play with food, flavours and colours for the first time.

Malone realised, she tells me, that these instincts acted as a spur for her to create fragrance once more. “I love this [beauty] industry. It’s the one thing I can do really well. I am horribly dyslexic and I can’t do lots of other things but I can create fragrance.

“Jo Loves is who I am right now at this moment in time. I love the vibrancy and the colour. It’s not for the fainthearted – it definitely makes a statement.” She pauses, and then adds: “I deliberately wanted to move away from something conventional to something that was very different.”

It is though, she says, an unrecognisable world to when she started out. “When I launched Jo Malone it was with a lot of naivety, but now I am not as naïve which is bit scary. I have always been somebody that lives on the edge that is prepared to push and do it differently. There was a point in October last year where I felt that I had bitten off more than I could chew. And I don’t normally ➡



## local life

say that, but it was tough. Those moments can be difficult but you have to think around them. That's what business is about: thinking differently.

"If I looked at my life 25 years ago, Jo Malone was who I was and I loved every minute of it," she smiles. "I think it was very much a product I created for others whereas, with Jo Loves, there is an intimacy about the brand and moments I felt I captured. It feels like who I am now – life goes on, you travel, you change and so do your perceptions."

**"The minute I got it right, I knew those four fragrances were the best I could produce. Yes, it cost me money but it saved my reputation and that to me is more important"**

At the November launch, she released four new scents – Pomelo, Green Orange and Coriander, Orange Tulle, and Gardenia – inspired by her husband's cologne, Moroccan mint tea and New York in the rain. Only 12,000 of each scent were produced to give a 'limited-edition' feel to the launch – once everything sold-out, Malone closed the pop-ups.

"You have to create a hunger first – and I think we did it right. We did a few things wrong but the bulk and the heartbeat of this is right," she insists. In the coming weeks, she will announce the location of her flagship London store.

She is also keen to hear feedback and has created a phone app which allows customers to build their own creative mood board of smells they love. But taking another approach, while refreshing, has also been daunting. "When you do things differently, what people don't realise is that you make a lot of mistakes but you learn quickly."

And while the Jo Malone brand will remain close to her heart, the woman who was the architect of its success is keen to emulate if not top what it achieved.

"I want to plant my flag in the four corners of the earth again," she says, passionately. "There is nowhere I don't want to be. I want to be in China and in India when the market is ready."

And with that, the woman with a nose for fragrance and business, wafts away to check those all too crucial sales figures.

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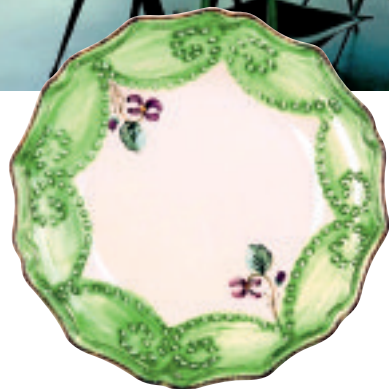
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## OFF THE WALL

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### This month you should...

infuse the kitchen with fresh, easy shades. Danish lifestyle company, Rice, is a brilliant source of everyday china. Its new range of Italian tableware includes colour-rimmed plates with floral motifs (£20.30 for a lunch plate), pictured above, to mix with solid colour bowls, mugs, plates and serving dishes in pink, orange, green, lavender and mint... Fired Earth's popular Bastide freestanding painted kitchens has new colour additions including Flamingo Pink, Tyrian Rose and South Bank, pictured below, (from £3980), [firedearth.com](http://firedearth.com)



### Blow the budget

Ochre has a reputation for elegant statement lighting, as well as covetable furniture, and one of its latest pendant designs, Seed Cloud Linear, is no exception. Spanning a width of 155cm, it has solid cast bronze stems housing LED illuminated tempered glass drops, and features a total of 46 LED lights (£18,540). Custom sizes are available. To see this, and the full range of streamlined lighting and furniture, take a trip across town to view Ochre's new 1500sqft showroom at **46-47 Britton Street, EC1M 5UJ, 020 7096 7372, by appointment only, [ochre.net](http://ochre.net)**

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# PALE AND INTERESTING

Having dismantled the tree and banished the decorations to the attic for another year, **Judith Wilson** advises reinstating a palette of light breezy colours, paired with simple design

**T**he days are short, and the weather icy, but there's a new tranquillity in early January. Once the Christmas tree has been ousted, and the decorations removed, this is the moment to soothe and order your home, with an eye on simple design and a palette of easy, light colours.

For Lucy, of decorative homewares website, **Rowen and Wren**, it's a creative time. "At home, we add vases of white narcissus and hyacinth," she says. "We also bring in as much light as possible, abandoning wool and velvets for linens and brighter tones." Add crisp textures by tossing a pure linen tablecloth over the kitchen table – **lindolino.com** has a selection – or invest in some of **OKA's** cotton and linen slipcovers for dining chairs, in shades of off-white, grey and natural (from £38). **Toast's** washed lace bed linen in Pebble Grey (from £22) is soothing in the bedroom. For a dash of fragrance, try **Yves Delorme's** Provence Linen Water.

If your home seems jaded post-Christmas, repainting walls or a wooden floor in white or an off-pastel shade like grey or ice blue is invigorating. Create a feature wall with

Garden City, a zingy leaf green from **Fired Earth's** Mid-Century Colours (from £29.50, 2.5 litres), or Tarlatan, from **Paint & Paper Library** (£29.50, 2.5 litres), which is a fantastic neutral when teamed with white. Holly Wick, of the Chelsea homeware store, **Holly's House**, likes to introduce natural elements to walls. "We stock the White Planks wallpaper from Young and Battaglia, which genuinely looks like timber and brightens walls for spring," she says. "It gives a bit of Scandinavian cool."

Against a neutral background, experiment with upholstery in vibrant, floral motifs. **Sanderson's** Bloomsbury Canvas prints, inspired by the artists of the 1930s, offer crisp florals and splashes of fresh colour (from £38 per metre). Or for curtains or blinds, try 100 per cent linens from the Arctic range at **Chase Erwin**, in Chelsea Harbour, inspired by the snowy colours of Iceland (from £88.85 per metre). As a contrast to plain walls, Holly also suggests displaying new trinkets acquired over the festive season. "Put up some floating shelves and paint them the same colour as your walls," she adds. "It creates really clean lines."



Fjord chair, from £549, by Marks and Spencer



Whisper Dining chairs with cover slips, £135, by OKA



Bloomsbury Canvas prints, from £38 per metre, by Sanderson



Arctic print, from £88.85 per metre, by Chase Erwin

Furniture shapes can be a surprisingly strong influence on the final look of a room. Mid-twentieth century furniture is an apt choice, especially 1950s-style sideboards, buttoned upholstery and circular or oval coffee tables. If you can't stretch to vintage pieces, then look at the **Marks & Spencer's** new range of Mid Century interiors. The grey upholstered and buttoned Fjord Chair (£549) and the pale tones of the Morrissey Media Unit (£449) are perfect. At **Pinch Design**, you'll find exquisitely pared down furniture with a crisp silhouette. Try its Willow coffee table in solid oak (£945) or the Marlow armoire (from £3550).

The beauty of rearranging your home now is that it's ready for the run-up to spring, a blank canvas for more inviting pinks, butter yellows and lavender as the days lengthen. Lucy at Rowen and Wren likes to take a seasonal approach. "Cushions are an easy and affordable way to transform the colouring of a room," she says. "As spring approaches, we introduce sun-bleached colours: our Dinder and Delphi striped cushions look great teamed with plain linens."

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# Made in Chelsea

When interior designer Suzy Harris took on the complete renovation of this Chelsea townhouse, the only direction was that she should choose everything, right down to the crockery. She tells **Nancy Alsop** about her biggest and most exciting project to date







There was no brief apart from, that is, that it needed to have really big beds and to look elegant,” says interior designer Suzy Harris merrily, recalling the moment she took on the total refurbishment of this Chelsea townhouse just off the King’s Road. That her client, the family who owns the property, is based largely in Switzerland meant that her reign was freer still. Did the lack of direction make put her on edge? Not a bit of it – but then she had worked for the paterfamilias on two properties back in 2003, and he clearly knew he was in a safe pair of creative hands, thus in turn imbuing her with a sense of calm about it all. “This was my first really big project” says Harris who has been an interiors designer for 10 years, and last year set up her own practice, Homeology. “It was great fun because we needed to get everything down the knives and forks.” In fact, the only piece of direction she did receive was from the couple’s ten-year-old son, who submitted a 10-page presentation detailing exactly what he wanted his bedroom to look like. “I’d already done a design, which the parents loved and were keen to go ahead with. But it was his room, and I wanted to get it right since he obviously cared so much about it. He loves bright yellow, so I went away knowing I needed to work it in.” The result? A spectacular Mondrian-inspired 10-year old boy’s dream, pictured above.

The rest of the house, by contrast, is all elegant neutrals in nickel, pearls and warm greys – complete with the all important big beds naturally – and statement pieces come via the lighting, which was supplied by Craig Jenkins. “We met by chance at Decorex, which was exhausting. My feet were ready to drop off, I was ready to go, but then I stopped dead looking at his lights. We just got each other straight away, and I’ve never seen anything like his work. I really wanted him to see the house – there was an awkward stairwell which I needed something amazing to hang down from. Craig was just the man.” The results, we think, speak for themselves.

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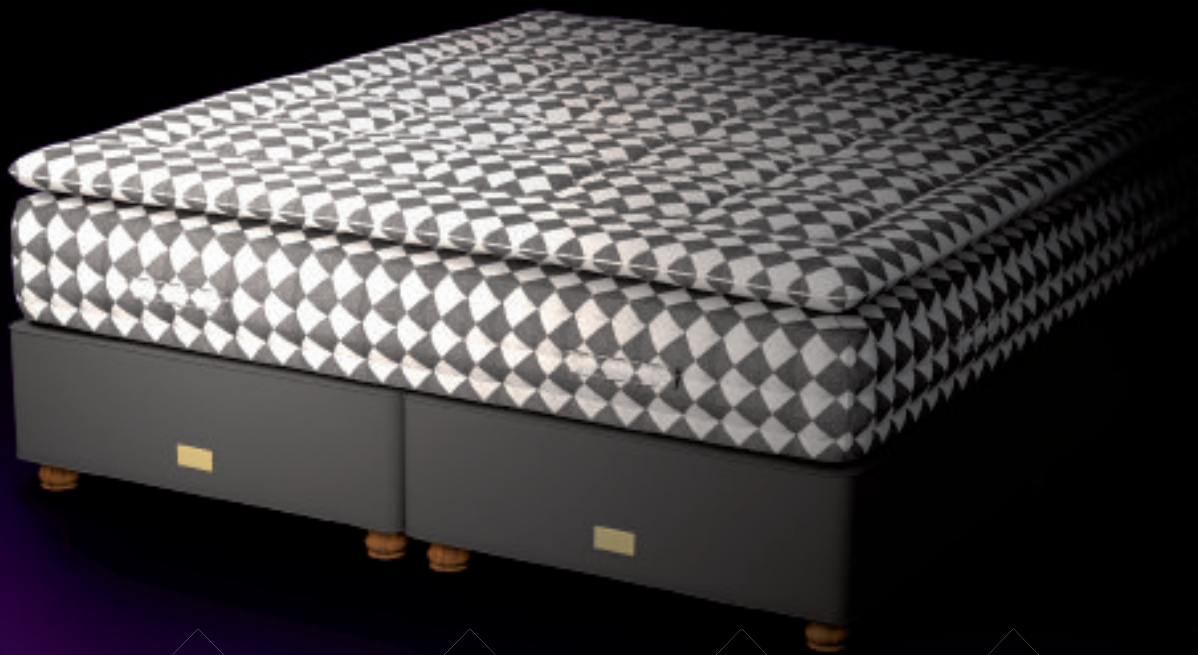
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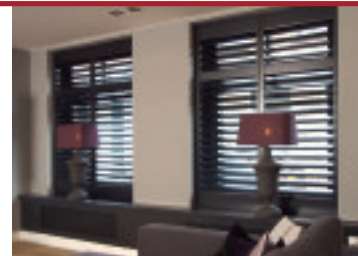
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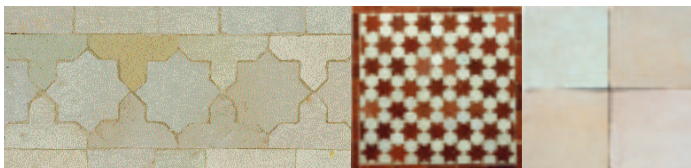
  
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**Previous Page:** Rubelli Lamps from left, top shelf: Sirena Clear Gold Leaf, Piroetta Tavolo Gold Dust, Faro Fieno, Increspato Breen, Vela Argento, Increspato Breen, Ondoso Clear Gold Leaf, Athena Alta Sheer Amber, Athena Bassa Sheer Amber. From left, bottom shelf: Torre Smoke, Carosello Clear Gold Leaf, Corda Clear, Mattone Fieno, Bollicina Ocean.

Chair: Donghia Grande Flute 6631 Silver Leaf

Top: Sami Korhonen ruffle back top, £250

Trousers: Sami Korhonen sequin-waist cocktail trousers, £320

Shoes: Manolo Blahnik Pipina black satin shoes, £640

Necklace: Les Nereides ULD 317, £495

Bag: Aspinall of London, £640

**This page:** Curtain fabric: Armani/Casa Edmonton TC 605-431

Wall fabric: Donghia Hemp 2 G971/09

Pillow fabric: Armani/Casa Columbus TD029-121

Fur throw: From a collection by JM Darnardon & Son Ltd.

Sofa: Donghia Bond Street sofa

Dress: Sami Korhonen drop back cocktail silk, £400

Shoes: Manolo Blahnik Crespo Satin/Rabbit Fur, £520

Earrings: From a collection by Susannah Lovis, from £2300



Partition fabric: Donghia Cavalry  
Windows – 10189-10 Lee  
Fur throw: From a collection by JM  
Darnardon & Son Ltd  
Dress: Sami Korhonen V-neck  
Cocktail grey/black silk, £500  
Shoes: Manolo Blahnik Carona  
black satin, £1050  
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Table: Donghia Torino Table 60800 Silver Leaf  
Dress: Sami Korhonen halter gown in olive green silk/lace, £2800  
Shoes: Gina Couture Heels, £750  
Earrings: Cotton & Gem cocktail earrings, £360





Wall fabric: Rubelli Zanni 19982/13  
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# Conway

## confidential

Our fashion guru embraces his favourite season in Alpaca wool, cashmere, and yes, even a man-sized babygrow

As the winter nights draw in, some of us can be forgiven for having a little sartorial meltdown. Winter can mean that some make no effort and dress for comfort, as others overcompensate with glitter as the only effective therapy to break through even the mildest Seasonal Affective Disorder. But the look you want is neither tramp nor WAG on a ski trip. You can dress for comfort and warmth without letting layering get the better of you.

To beat the winter blues, it's all about warm yet chic layering, and like most sartorial problems, careful selection is key. Go for

interesting textures and revel in materials. This is the one time of year you can really indulge in textiles, so think silk, cashmere, brushed cotton, merino wool, tweed, anything that feels a bit of a treat. No longer do you have to break the bank – Uniqlo has very recession-friendly cashmere and GAP's 100 per cent merino wool v-neck

pull-overs in winter berry colours will keep you toasty, worn with a plain tee underneath.

As self-appointed king of knitwear, this is my favorite time of year. This season, it is all about Alpaca. These deeply comic-looking animals produce a wool that is as warm as cashmere, with a quirker texture and an early 60s feel that lends itself well to the vintage trends that will take you through to spring.

Cashmere, however, remains the comfort food of the fashion world. Its baby-soft touch will envelop the wearer like no other material, and like most luxuries, there is a reason why it is so jolly expensive. No wardrobe should be

without it. Take a leaf out Scandinavian style icon Sarah Lund's book, as *The Killing's* leading lady has set the benchmark for chunky knits this winter. N.Peal in Burlington Arcade has some delicious special edition cashmere pieces to celebrate its 75th anniversary.

One winter trend I thought I really should resist is the onesie. A babygrow for grown-ups, it is sported by One Direction and every pop kid out there, but when Sadie Frost's DJ son Fin Munro Kemp invited me to his OnePiece party at Shoreditch house, I backtracked immediately. We were all given a Norwegian original to wear to the party, and

I have to admit, I've refused to take it off since. Brian Clarke's brand new Paddington Street store has a slightly more luxe alternative. Nestling amongst his new smart menswear collection is a cobalt blue cashmere and merino mix knitted tracksuit. Sounds a bit JLo, but trust me – it is to die for, and if bought by a guy,

your other half will definitely steal it.

Converted to jumpsuits, all I need now is a fleece-lined hand-knitted cult bobble hat from Zaini and I'll be ready to audition for *X-Factor* 2012. The brainchild of a Scottish ski-instructor, wear it on the back of your head, and you'll look more 1960s Zermatt than skater boy. I could have done with one at the opening of Winter Wonderland, but had to make do with a 1970s black and white mink – a bit Cruella, but very vintage, though a small child asked its mother loudly why I was dressed in *101 Dalmatians*. I may need to re-visit my winter wardrobe. ■



From top: Uniqlo's cashmere sweater in yellow; Fairisle grey knit jumper; Brian Clarke's cobalt blue cashmere and merino number; Fairisle red knit jumper



# Ice Ice Baby

Channel your inner ice maiden this season with Catherine McCabe's pick of frostbitten bling



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# HIGH MAINTENANCE

by Nancy Alsop

## Hamмам heaven

Dolphin Square has long been associated with politicians and dowagers, but less well known is the fact that it also boasts a newly opened Moroccan-inspired Hammam where residents, members and visitors can go to enjoy infused steam rooms, a 4,000sqft spa (pictured) with five rooms for treatments, plus a walled courtyard. Spa mentors are on hand to guide guests through the Hammam ritual – after all of which there is a relaxation room to further unwind. **The Spa, Dolphin Square, Chichester Street, SW1V 3LX** [dolphinsquare.co.uk/spa](http://dolphinsquare.co.uk/spa)



## Stress buster

Row-upon-row of miniature apothecary bottles of promising essential oils entice customers inside the chic new Aromatherapy Associates Boutique & Treatment rooms in Montpelier Street. After a super busy few weeks I am feeling exhausted and just stepping through the door into the tranquil boutique to experience their City Stress Buster is a calming experience.

Downstairs are the treatment rooms, and whilst sipping herbal tea I fill out the questionnaire which is designed to establish exactly how I am feeling (tired, jetlagged, a little stressed), and which oils will be most beneficial. From a range of 12 essential oils, my massage therapist Sophie picks out the three that are most suited to me. She wafts Support Equilibrium, Revive Morning and Support Lavender and Peppermint under my nose for my body to choose which I am most in need of, and I am instantly drawn to the latter which Sophie explains is perfect for digestion, muscular aches, sunburn and migraines. Relaxing into the plush white bed (with a hot water bottle to keep extra cosy) Sophie works to relieve the tension in my neck and smooth out knots in my back before indulging me in a relaxing foot massage.

When my gentle slumber comes to an end I emerge supple, relaxed, positive and energised. Sophie greets me outside with a ginger tea and tasty macaroons. I'm already looking forward to returning for my next appointment.

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By Laura Johnston



## Micro magic

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## Jet set

For those lucky devils who escaped to warmer climes over Christmas, we know life isn't all a beach – after all, there's all that packing and jetlag to cope with. To combat the latter, the Jumeirah Peak Health Club and Spa in Knightsbridge (pictured, above) has designed the Voya treatment to help refresh after long-haul flights. There's a full body scrub, a polish, a full body massage using Angelicus Serratus seaweed oil and the whole thing is finished off with a rehydrating facial. If the holiday must end, this is quite the nicest way to return to the real world. £150. **The Peak Health Club and Spa at Jumeirah Carlton Tower, [peakhealthclub.com](http://peakhealthclub.com)**

## Skin rescue

Nothing dries out skin like harsh winter conditions. To combat this pesky seasonal problem, we love SkinCeuticals' skin saviours, and here are our top three:

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2. The new AOX+ Eye Gel is a miracle product for reviving tired eyes, £70 for 15ml.
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#### 2. ON PISTE

Anyone planning a jaunt to the slopes should head forthwith to The Chelsea Club to enrol in its new Fit to Ski package. The three month programme involves 12 personal training sessions, training on the club's Skier's Edge machine to help you perfect your technique and a consultation with a nutritionist who will recommend foods that will give as much energy as possible for those black runs. £1,015, **[thechelseaclub.com](http://thechelseaclub.com)**



#### 3. QUEL DRAG

For the more outré fitness fanatic, Floridita launches the Drag Queen Dance Class on 18th January, aimed specifically at teaching women to get in touch with their inner glamazon while getting fit in the process. The classes are hosted by The Globe Girls who have danced for the likes of Elton John, Beyonce and even Prince Edward, and all participants must adhere to two strict rules: the more sequins the better and flat shoes are prohibited. £25 for a 90-minute class, plus a cocktail.

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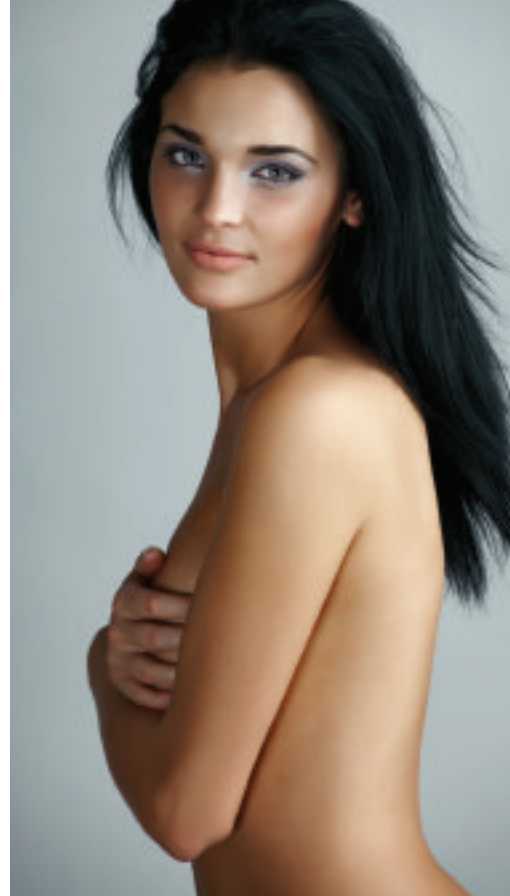
Alternatively, if you're looking for a high tech way to be healthier in 2012, EF MEDISPA are the first to bring the latest generation of Vaser lipo technology to the UK from America. Even the most stubborn of fat deposits on arms, legs, the

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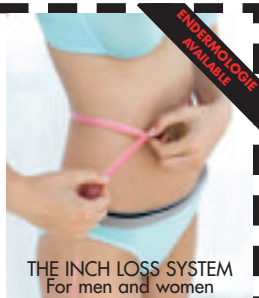
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# SPA REVIEWS



## Vivify Spa, Sloane Avenue

**THE SPA:** Stepping in here makes me feel like I'm in New York. Only in Manhattan would you get the blissful convenience of a spa in your own apartment block. I find myself overcome with jealousy straight away. Vivify is the newly launched in-house spa at Cloisters apartment complex owned by Arben Kovaci and Inga Dociute.

Previously The Beauty Ikon Spa, it has undergone a sleek makeover with warm terracotta walls, Thai sculptures and dark wood furnishings, but thankfully retains the informality of a neighbourhood spa. The menu includes massages, facials, waxing, tanning, manicures and pedicures, alongside beauty brands Yonka, Environ, a non-surgical skincare brand known for its vitamin A infused products, and mineral makeup brand Jane Iredale. It also offers lonzyme DF machine treatments which combine electrical pulses and ultrasound to boost penetration of vitamins A, C and E by 4000 times.

**THE TREATMENT:** I opt for a combination of aromatherapy, to relax, and Swedish massage. Spa treatment rooms are quite often under heated, meaning that – particularly if you have low blood pressure – a massage can leave you cold and achy. Not here. A new digital-flame image fireplace casts a warm glow, and the room is toasty.

**THE PROCEDURE:** Full body massages are not the most high falutin' of treatments but are so frequently disappointing. Since the majority of Vivify's repeat custom will come from the building, there's a huge opportunity to generate regular income from ladies in search of a weekly wind-down. In this instance, Vivify is spot on. My therapist was very attentive to feedback on pressure, and importantly responded with just the right amount. I loved that she focused on the feet and that the treatment also included stomach massage. The facial massage was also fabulous. At £100 for a generous hour, it could become a habit. **Vivify Spa, Chelsea Cloisters, SW3 3DW, [vivifybeauty.com](http://vivifybeauty.com)**

Spa Score: 8/10

Price and duration: £100 for 1 hour

By Lucie Greene



## Michaeljohn, Albemarle Street

**THE SPA:** Step in to Michealjohn and there's the immediate hustle and bustle of a vibrant, popular salon. It is one of the oldest and most famous salons in Mayfair and is packed with loyal clientele, particularly now that it's currently ramping up its medispa offerings with newly acquired senior aesthetic therapist Jimena Uribe, state-of-the-art equipment and the high-performance skincare brand, SkinCeuticals.

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**THE PROCEDURE:** I tick the 'relaxation' box on my pre-examination questionnaire and Jimema – a vivacious Colombian-born therapist – laughs: "None of this is relaxing! Everything I do hurts! Ha! But it works." There's photo evidence in a catalogue to prove it, its received FDA approval, and – well the gym hasn't been working, so I boldly disrobe. Jimema instructs me to lie down and applies a mineral oil to my thighs. She then uses an electronic rod to send pulses through my muscle and fat tissue. The sensation is odd – at times painful, you twitch a lot – but you get used to it. She then uses a vibrating textured rod to stimulate the skin. Jimema tells me its crucial to repeat the exercise week-on-week to see real results, which is not cheap, but when I examine my thighs the next day, even with one session, there's a distinct difference between that and my bottom muscle tissue.

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Spa Score: 8/10

Price and duration: A course of six sessions costs £3,200

By Lucie Greene

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## Head to toe: new year, new look



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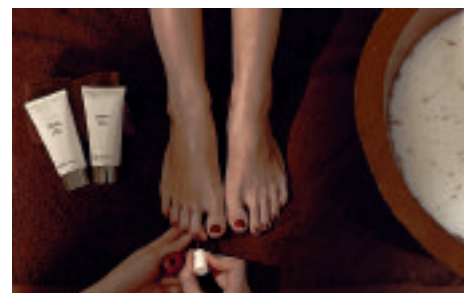
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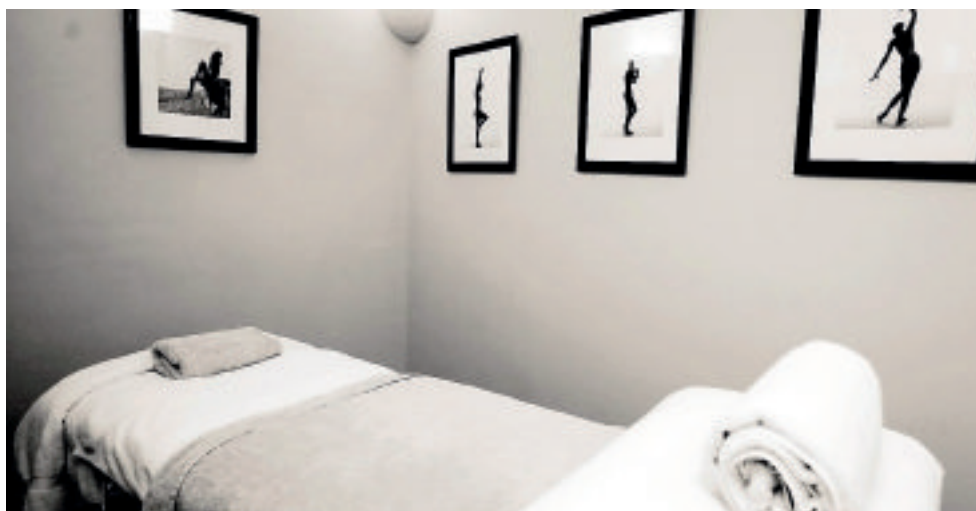
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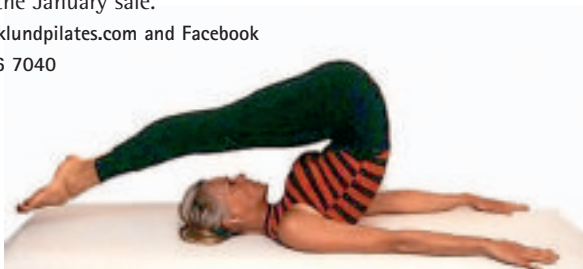
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The initial consultation is normally with Dr Judy McGonigal, a GP with a special interest in gynaecology who supervises Women's Healthcare at TMCK. "We take

seriously women's concerns about preventing health problems in the future - such as osteoporosis or cardiovascular disease. The consultation also offers women the chance to raise health worries however embarrassing. For instance, if a woman is menopausal, she may find it difficult to discuss issues such as vaginal dryness - which is common and can be treated," says Dr McGonigal.

Ms Claudine Domoney, TMCK's resident urogynaecologist, is keen to let women know what is available. "It is important that women recognise that there is help out there for common problems such as incontinence or menopausal symptoms and that they don't have to put up with it."

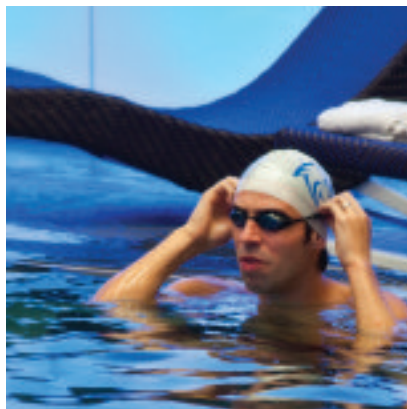
Dr Etienne Horner, gynaecologist and obstetrician, underlines the importance of healthcare for women after the menopause. "Most women spend a third of their lives in the postmenopausal phase - and there is no reason why this should be any less enjoyable or fulfilling than before."

And endocrinologist, Dr Katie Wynne, offers the opportunity to investigate the possibility that a healthcare problem has a hormonal cause. "Tiredness is a common



Dr Isabelle  
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Former International athletes Bila and Rui choose Dolphin Fitness Club as their base to run their swimming school, Love Swimming. Bila retired from international swimming in 2008 and after qualifying as a swimming instructor she created Love Swimming to assist those that already swim to improve as well as encourage those that don't already swim, to swim. Rui competed for Portugal both in swimming and water polo. Rui has been teaching for 15 years and can teach all levels from beginners to elite swimmers.

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## DETOX IN THE DOLOMITES

Reading matter taken care of, Christena Appleyard checks in to Henri Chenot's renowned state-of-the-art clinic and medical lab Palace Merano for a full health analysis – and some surprisingly good grub →





The rear of Palace Merano and its inviting pool

The distinguished American author Henry James suffered from a state of permanent constipation which drove him from spa to spa in Europe in search of relief throughout his adult life. Unkind readers might say it was a problem that also affected his prose style. I am indebted to another distinguished author, travel writer Paul Theroux, for this intimate revelation. I read about it on the plane on my way to the Palace Merano in Italy in his excellent new book *The Tao of Travel*.

A good book is an important companion on a spa holiday and I can thoroughly recommend the Theroux and, even more thoroughly, the Palace Merano. I suspect the team there would have found a cure for the great man, specialising as they do in every possible aspect of what, when and how we eat.

Nestling in a sheltered valley in the shadow of the Dolomites, the Palace Merano – in the city of the same name – has something of a fin de siècle Jamesian grandeur. The city became famous for its healing waters back in the 1930s and was a regular haunt for literary types from Ezra Pound to Franz Kafka. But the traditional grandeur of the architecture of the Palace conceals a high-tech state of the art clinic and medical laboratory which, under the supervision of Henri Chenot, has become a top destination spa in Europe.

Chenot is a charismatic, good looking chap and a hands-on owner who wanders

The dietetic restaurant



Balconies look out on to the gardens and the mountains beyond







## Your stay starts with a detailed consultation with the medical director, who can organise blood tests for everything from food intolerances to diabetes

around the stately corridors greeting guests like old friends – indeed, many of them are just that as the clinic has a 75 per cent return rate. He is an expert in Chinese medicine, and as such the regime at the clinic relies on a mix of ancient and modern, concentrating on the diagnosis of the bad habits that can cause us problems later on.

Your stay starts with a detailed consultation with the medical director, who can organise blood tests for everything from food intolerances to diabetes – and, because the palace has its own lab, the results can be back in as little as four hours. Your individual eating and treatment regime is then worked out accordingly. But despite the full-on medical backdrop, it doesn't get in the way of this being a place to unwind. Each day starts with water treatments including a spa bath – a luxurious seaweed wrap followed by a massage. Staff are attentive and not too chirpy (a relief – so tiring, that chirpy chatty thing.)

The other guests are an interesting mix – Italian footballers (without their wives), a

large party from the Saudi royal family, a couple of models, one actress and business-women with Blackberries discreetly switched to vibrate. Valentino and Angela Merkel are said to be regulars. And thankfully, the European ritual of spa breaks doesn't have the hen-night connotations prevalent in the UK; our continental cousins tend to take spa breaks on an annual basis before their real holidays – a bit like booking in for an MOT.

The rooms are beautifully decorated, and the beds super comfortable. There are balconies that look out on the gardens framed by mountains with snowy peaks, which are perfect for walkers of all levels – or so I am told. I flopped out most of the time between treatments and nobody told me off.

But the real magic of the Palace Merano is its 'takeaway'. This is the package of advice that helps you break bad habits and make new ones. The success of all this is often rooted in food philosophy, which is where the Merano scores; the food – even if you are on the light diet – is innovative and the

cooking lessons mean you can comprehensively re-educate yourself. Mr Chenot says: "The toxins that clog up our body are at the roots of illness and can cause excess weight. By learning to eat in line with our own physical profile we can combat this," he says.

The menus have been devised by his wife Dominique Chenot and follow the low acid-alkaline principles that her husband has been developing for more than twenty years. One of the side effects of eating this way is losing weight and I found it easy to drop five pounds during my week at the Merano. At the end of your stay you are given an individually worked out eating regime based on the observations and tests carried out by the medical team during your stay. The science behind Chenot's theory involves dividing food into acid and alkaline groups and learning to maintain the correct PH balance in the body. Eating too many acidic foods is, he says, a primary accelerator of the aging process. He also believes this is central to safeguarding what he describes as the "internal ecology of the intestinal system" – in other words the old Henry James problem.

A week stay at Espace Henri Chenot, Palace Merano costs from €4,420 including the Comprehensive Henri Chenot Health Programme, accommodation for 7 nights in a classic double room, all meals and the compulsory medical visit. +39 0473 271000 or visit [palace.it](http://palace.it).





# Mini breaks: The Montpellier Chapter Hotel, Cheltenham

**FIRST IMPRESSIONS:** The hotel is housed in an elegant Victorian building, with a modern wing tucked at the back, a garden courtyard, and a beautifully restored conservatory. It is situated in the Montpellier area of Cheltenham, with chic shopping just a few minutes' walk away.

**GETTING THERE:** It is an easy two-hour zip up the M4 from London, or, if going to Cheltenham by train, approximately ten minutes' taxi drive from the station.

**THE WELCOME:** There is no formal reservations desk, so on arrival, guests head for sculptor Alison Crowther's giant ball of a welcome font, crafted from English oak. The check-in is seamless and paper-free via a laptop, and the staff young, informal and friendly, dressed in relaxed donkey brown suits and Converse. We are taken to our room in seconds, and it's helpful to know that all the local information about Cheltenham is stored on an iPod touch in our bedroom.

**THE ROOMS:** Our deluxe room is spacious and sleekly modern, with clean lines, stone-clad walls and neutral furnishings, plus

accents of leaf green upholstery. The surprise is that the bath is in the middle of the room, though translucent curtains can be drawn across for privacy. There's an iPod touch, complimentary mini bar and crisp Egyptian sheets on the extra comfy bed and even a fabric bag to hang on the back of the door, for the delivery of weekend newspapers.

**THE RESTAURANT:** Tom Raines is the head chef, guided by cook and food author Simon Hopkinson. The restaurant is beautifully designed with a modern aesthetic, boasting lofty ceilings and an open-plan kitchen with a wood-fired oven, and the venue is clearly a favourite with hotel guests and local diners alike. The menu is simple, seasonal and delicious. Highlights during our stay included a pea and broad bean risotto and Asian marinated lamb cutlets with cucumber yoghurt, followed by a wicked treacle tart.

**THE SPA:** With its four treatment rooms, two with twin beds ideal for shared treatments, this is a soothing space to while away a morning before hitting the shops. The spa uses Aromatherapy Associates products, and treatments include massage – the Intense De-

stress Muscle massage is a winner after a stressful week – as well as facials, scrubs, and hand and foot treatments. The Ginger and Black Pepper Pedicure is a particular delight.

**HIGHLIGHTS:** The 30-seater bar is a buzzy place to sit for a pre-dinner drink, and it is fun to choose from the menu on an iPad. The prevailing mood at the Montpellier is fresh and relaxed, and whether you choose to nestle in the book-lined drawing room or the sunny conservatory, modern furniture and statement lighting prevail. Look out for the contemporary art throughout, which has been thoughtfully curated by Central St Martin's.

**LOWLIGHTS:** A bath in the middle of the bedroom is not to everyone's taste. But otherwise, there are no niggles, and this is a stylish, immaculately run hotel, perfect for a mix of eating, shopping and a Sunday walk in the countryside.

By Judith Wilson

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# 4WARD THINKING



Andy Enright reviews the latest from Audi, the A4 range

To be honest, this Audi A4 doesn't harbour any great surprises. It's been tweaked and polished, but the fundamentals remain the same. If the idea of a beautifully finished and supremely efficient compact executive car appeals, the A4 is tough to better. The cabin feels leagues better than that of a BMW 3 Series and it's no longer so far off its big rival in terms of driver enjoyment. Audi likes to approach problems methodically and in the development of the A4 it has worked systematically to excise faults generation by generation.

When it comes to sifting through the various combinations of body styles, engines, trims and transmissions, the choice can appear daunting. Probably the best thing to do is to decide first on the three big questions, namely whether you want an A4 saloon or an Avant estate, prefer petrol or diesel, and then whether you see a requirement for four wheel drive or are content to stick with mere front-wheel propulsion. After that you can then see what engines and transmissions are offered with your final selection and take it from there. With such a vast selection of diesel engines on offer, there's sure to be something for everybody and Audi's sales figures suggest that the oil burners will certainly outstrip sales of A4 petrol models.

Standard on all A4 models is a driver information system with "take a break" recommendation – it detects and draws the driver's attention to deviations from typical driving behaviour on the basis of steering



motions and other parameters. Specify the adaptive cruise control assistance system and it'll keep the A4 at a constant distance from the preceding vehicle at speeds between 19 and 124 mph. If the system detects an impending rear-end at speeds below 18 mph, it'll anchor the brakes on. There's also Audi active lane assist which will prevent the car wandering out of lane and Audi side assist which monitors the space behind the A4 by radar and detects any vehicles in the blind spot. A CD radio with eight speakers is standard, while the MMI navigation plus system with large hard disk, colour monitor, 3D graphics and DVD player forms the top of the line and is a very popular specification choice.

We'd normally recommend a diesel engine when looking at a car like this and most business users will doubtless plump for the 136bhp 2.0-litre diesel, but private buyers should look to the 1.8TFSI, especially if they're not likely to cover intergalactic mileages. One thing that hasn't changed is the fact that the A4 remains a car that feels as if

it's been lovingly considered. The depth of engineering, the thought that goes into the details and the warm fuzzy feeling this generates has charmed Audi customers for years. The A4 is new but, in this respect at least, comfortably familiar.

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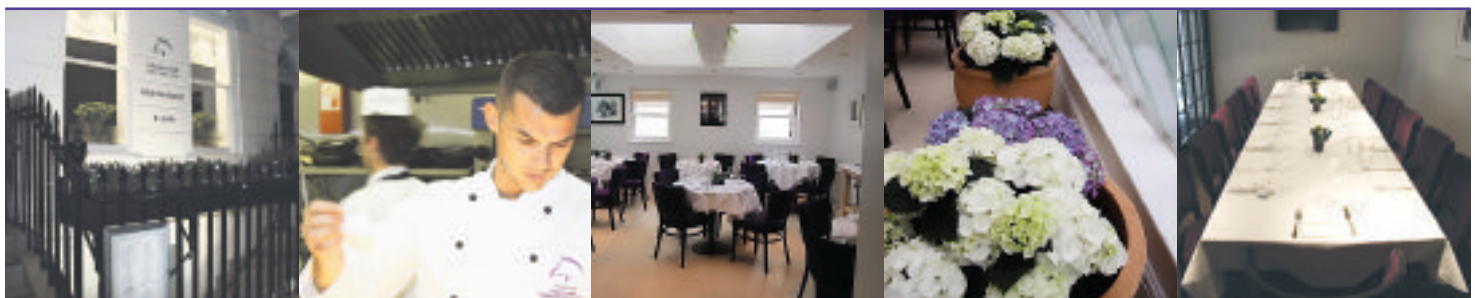
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## COOKING WITH MOTHER

The proliferation of farmers' markets in the capital has been one of the happiest indicators that we're increasingly interested in the provenance of the food we eat. Gone are the days when exclusively in-the-know foodies knew about Borough Market and its ilk, and as every good gourmand knows, the best way to instil good habits for life is to cook as a child. Enter *At The Farmers Market with Kids: Recipes & Projects for Little Hands* by Leslie Jonath & Ethel Brennan, a beautiful book which instructs how to get tinies whipping up mouth-watering concoctions – using, of course, only local, seasonal and sustainably produced ingredients. We're salivating already at the thought of these poached pears with Mexican chocolate sauce – for which you can find the recipe online at [theresident.co.uk](http://theresident.co.uk), or turn the page for other more-ish treats.

*At The Farmers Market with Kids: Recipes & Projects for Little Hands* by Leslie Jonath & Ethel Brennan is published by Chronicle books, £14.99, and is released in February ➡



## Tomato and mozzarella pizza

Prepared-from-scratch tomato sauce makes these pizzas special. Kids can help knead the dough. Then, when it's time to top the pizzas, they can arrange their favorite ingredients, like cooked sausage, sliced mushrooms, or salami, over the sauce. Bocconcini are small balls of mozzarella cheese. If you cannot find them, use another type of mozzarella. And if you don't have time to make homemade dough, you can buy pizza dough at many markets in the refrigerated section. *[Makes two 12-inch or four 6-inch pizzas; serves 4]*

### For the dough

2 envelopes (2.5 teaspoons each)  
active dry yeast  
1 cup warm water (105°F)  
1 teaspoon sugar  
1 teaspoon salt  
2 tablespoons olive oil  
About 3.5 cups all-purpose flour  
2 tablespoons cornmeal for pan  
4 to 5 tablespoons olive oil  
1.5 to 2 cups high-quality tomato sauce  
2 cups bocconcini (about 14 ounces)  
or mozzarella cheese cut into  
1-inch cubes  
A handful of basil leaves

### How to make it:

1. To make the dough: In a small bowl, dissolve the yeast in the warm water. Add the sugar. Let the mixture stand until it is foamy, about five minutes.
2. If making the dough in a food processor, combine the yeast mixture, the salt, 1 tablespoon of the olive oil, and 3 cups of the flour in the processor. Pulse until the ingredients come together into a ball. If the dough is too wet, add more flour, a little at a time, and pulse until the dough has a smooth, firm texture. Continue to process until the dough is smooth and silky but not firm, three to four minutes longer. Turn the dough out onto a well-floured work surface. Knead the dough until it is elastic, for four to five minutes. Shape it into a ball.
3. If making the dough by hand, in a bowl, combine the yeast mixture, the salt, 1 tablespoon of the olive oil, and 2 cups of the flour. With a fork or your fingertips, work the ingredients together. Gradually add more flour until the dough forms a stiff ball. Turn the dough out onto a well-floured work surface. Knead the dough until it is smooth and elastic, for six to seven minutes. Shape it into a ball
4. Oil a large bowl with the remaining 1



tablespoon olive oil. Place the dough ball in the bowl and turn the ball to coat the surface with oil. Cover the bowl with a kitchen towel and let stand in a warm place until the dough has doubled in size, 1 to 1.5 hours. Punch down the dough in the bowl, cover with the towel, and let rest for 30 minutes.

5. Preheat the oven to 500°F.
6. Divide the dough into two or four equal portions, depending on the number of pizzas you are making. On a lightly floured work surface, roll out each portion into a round about 1/8 inch thick. If you are making two pizzas, each round should be about 12 inches in diameter. If you are making four pizzas, each round should be about 6 inches in diameter. Sprinkle two 12-inch pizza pans (if making large pizzas) or two large rimmed baking sheets (if making two large or four small pizzas) with the cornmeal

- and put the dough rounds on the pans.
7. Drizzle 2 to 2.5 tablespoons olive oil over the dough rounds, dividing the oil evenly. Using a soup spoon, ladle the sauce onto the pizzas, 0.75 cup for a large round and 0.5 cup for a small round. Spread the sauce over the round to within 0.5 inch of the edge. Top the pizzas with the bocconcini, dividing them evenly.
8. Bake the pizzas until the cheese melts and the crust is just browned at the edges, about 10 minutes for the small pizzas, 15 minutes for the large pizzas.
9. Remove the pizzas from the oven. Drizzle them with the remaining 2 to 2.5 tablespoons olive oil and sprinkle with the basil. Cut the large pizzas into wedges and leave the small pizzas whole to serve.



## Mix-and-match apple desserts

Like cobblers made with summer fruits, these crisps, crumbles, and pies featuring a versatile apple filling are simple baked desserts. The crisp and crumble are both crowned with light, flaky toppings – the former with a classic combination of butter and flour, the latter with a robust pairing of walnuts and oats. The same filling can be baked into a double-crust pie. The filling calls for an optional quince – a fragrant, tart relative of the apple. If you can't find it, substitute another apple.

*[serves 6 to 8]*

### For the filling

6 apples, peeled, halved, cored, and thinly sliced lengthwise  
1 quince, peeled, halved, cored, and cut into 0.5-inch cubes  
1 cup cranberries  
0.5 cup sugar  
1 teaspoon ground cinnamon  
0.5 teaspoon ground cloves  
0.5 cup freshly squeezed lemon juice  
Flaky pastry dough  
1 tablespoon cold unsalted butter

### How to make it

1. Preheat the oven to 350°F. Have ready a 9-inch pie dish or comparable baking dish.
2. To make the filling: Put the apple slices, quince cubes, and cranberries in a large bowl. Add the sugar, cinnamon, cloves, and lemon juice. Toss to mix well.
3. If using the Flaky Pastry Dough, on a lightly floured work surface, roll out each dough disk into a round about 12 inches in diameter and  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch thick. Drape one round over the rolling pin and carefully lay it over the pie dish. Gently ease it into the bottom and sides of the dish. Trim the overhang to about 1 inch. Pour in the apple filling. Brush the rim of the dough with water. Lay the remaining dough round over the pie dish. Trim the overhang to about 0.5 inch, then fold the edge of the bottom round over the edge of the top round. Crimp the edges with a fork. Cut four or five slits in the top so steam can escape during baking. Cut the butter into small pieces and dot them over the filling.
4. Bake until the top is golden brown and the fruit is bubbling, 45 minutes to 1 hour. Let cool on a wire rack before serving.





**In an ideal world, top-class neighbourhood restaurants like Manson would be the norm, rather than the exception**

# Restaurant reviews

## MANSON

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Manson, on the Parson's Green end of the Fulham Road, has had a faintly chequered history. It originally was called Balthazar, but a lawsuit from the restaurant of the same name in New York necessitated a quick change to that of the owner, (Eamonn) Manson. Once up and running under original head chef Gemma Tuley, it quickly attracted plaudits for its stylish modern French cuisine, and had people flocking from all over London to it. The only fly in the ointment was that it was never intended to be a destination restaurant of this sort, but instead a top-quality local brasserie that would attract a loyal band of regulars, offering excellent, reasonably priced food, a strong wine list, and a cosy yet buzzy atmosphere.

Now, with new head chef Alan Stewart (formerly head chef at Launceston Place) firmly installed, it has fulfilled its original purpose admirably. The menu is keenly priced; the most expensive starter, the (divine) venison tartar is £8.50, with most hovering around the £7 mark. Mains are between £14 and £17 on the whole, desserts just over a fiver. A thoroughly decent bottle of wine can be had for about £25, if not a bit less (we had a particularly nice bottle of Chianti that was priced at £37, which is a good deal less than some other restaurants would charge.) These are not extravagant prices at all, particularly in light of how thoroughly excellent the food is.

Stewart's expertise is clearly in marshalling apparently eclectic ingredients in a delicious and often surprising way. Thus, the venison tartar is served with pickled chanterelles, giving it a rich, gamey flavour. A main course of Herdwick mutton – so much more characterful a meat than lamb if cooked properly – comes both as miniature pieces, and a heartier assembly in a good old-fashioned suet pudding. Delectable braised pork cheeks come complete with melt-in-mouth crackling on a bed of mash and kale. A dessert of chocolate tart with honeycomb ice cream is simple, but perfectly executed. There is nothing here that is going to trouble the Michelin inspectors, but that isn't the point. People are going to come here for decent food, superbly cooked, and they're not going to be disappointed. Staff are friendly, chatty and seem to genuinely enjoy working here under the young, personable and highly efficient manageress.

At the next door table, a respectable-looking elderly couple were making their first visit to the restaurant. After their meal, they made a great show of thanking everyone, and then booked a repeat visit. Certainly, most people seemed to be there on repeat visits as well, judging by the easy rapport that existed between customers and staff alike. It's not at all hard to see why. In an ideal world, top-class neighbourhood restaurants like Manson would be the norm, rather than the exception, but as things are we should just be grateful that we have somewhere of this calibre. **By Alexander Larman**

FOOD: \*\*\*\*

ATMOSPHERE: \*\*\*\*



## OPERA TAVERN

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It seems strange to think that Covent Garden's Opera Tavern only opened at the beginning of 2011, so entrenched has its mark been on the London 'small plate' scene. Like its stablemates Salt Yard and Dehesa, both located roundabout, it specialises in tapas, but, dare one say it, this represents the most polished version of the breed.

Everything here is delicious, well priced and served by charming staff in surroundings that combine effortless chic with comfort, should you be lucky enough to get one of the snug corner seats. Alternatively there are stools at the bar, home to many a grateful passer-by.

The signature dish here is the miniature pork and foie gras burger. It's excellent; everyone should order it. But there's plenty on the menu that indicates a desire to offer more than just little plates of cheese and jamon, although the quality of both of those is of course excellent. Nibbles of Padron peppers and crispy pig's ears whet the appetite, and more substantial tapas of chargrilled venison haunch with chestnut mash, jamon croquettes with chestnut mash and goat's cheese-stuffed courgette flowers drizzled in honey show admirable ambition, coupled with equally impressive execution. Desserts are very fine too, especially a chocolate and chestnut fondant with prune ice cream. The wine list is lengthy and Italian and Spanish-heavy, offering everything from a cava the equal of many champagnes to a delectable Selva Capuzza 2010, which tastes like a richer and heavier version of Pinot Noir. With so much available by the glass it would be a churl who didn't enjoy the chance to taste something a bit different. That goes for the restaurant itself too – but given its popularity, there seems no danger of it being empty any time soon.

*By Alexander Larman*

**FOOD: \*\*\*\***

**ATMOSPHERE: \*\*\*\***



## ROUSSILLON

16 St Barnabas Street, SW1W 8PE  
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OK, we admit it. We'd pretty much written Roussillon off when its celebrated former head chef, Alexis Gauthier, left to set up his own place in Soho. But the resilient restaurant has soldiered on, not only retaining a dedicated local following, but also continuing to lure foodies – a surprising number of young couples among them – from across town to this tucked-away residential street off Chelsea's Pimlico Road. Clearly, it must still be doing something right.

The service, for one, is exemplary. From the genuinely warm welcome and confident recommendations through to professional delivery of food and drink, we couldn't fault the friendly front-of-house team – and the kitchen isn't far behind.

New head chef Shane Hughes has held a Michelin star at Ynyshir Hall in Wales for the past three years and he continues to cook to a high standard here. The only disappointment on our recent visit was the truffle risotto, a classic Roussillon dish that Gauthier did much better – perhaps it's time it came off the menu?

Everything else was spot on. A salad of big, juicy langoustine tails and wafer-thin slices of pig's head proved a perfect match for a glass of crisp Albariño (a great by-the-glass recommendation from the sommelier), while slow-cooked beef, served in a large, perfectly cooked raviolo with a generous scattering of lobster chunks on top was another winning surf and turf combo – great with a glass of Pinot Noir.

A power cut in the kitchen brought a long delay between main course and dessert but the sticky toffee pudding – rich as can be – was well worth the wait. We left Roussillon happy to have been reacquainted with an old favourite. *By Annica Wainwright*

**FOOD: \*\*\*\***

**ATMOSPHERE: \*\*\*\***



## BAR BOULUD

Mandarin Oriental, 66 Knightsbridge, SW1X 7LA, 020 7201 3899

Ever since its 2010 opening at the Mandarin Oriental, this outpost of superchef Daniel Boulud's empire has attracted a great deal of praise, as well as extremely large numbers of visitors, all vying for a seat at one of the comfortable tables, or at the bar adjoining the open kitchen. This all makes for a buzzy, fun atmosphere – something of a rarity in Knightsbridge – though it can also make for lengthy waits between courses. What we thought was going to be a quick 90 minute or so lunch on a recent Sunday instead turned into a two-and-a-half-hour marathon, though that said, staff are never anything less than polite, friendly and hugely professional. But do note, if in a hurry, one might recommend popping in at a slightly quieter time to ensure a speedier visit.

The food, meanwhile, never fails to wow. After starting with excellent bread, a 'small' charcuterie board consists of four – yes, four – different kinds of pates and terrines, the best of which is a spicy Moroccan lamb one, as well as various kinds of ham and salami. Another dish of Moroccan sausage is equally good, with a rich, spicy texture that makes the average sausage pale in comparison. For a main course, one of the burgers here – the 'Frenchie', the 'Piggie' or the 'Yankee' – is about as good as you're going to find in London today, with fantastic quality beef, excellent brioche buns and delicately delicious toppings. For those of a less carnivorous bent, there are always plenty of other options, including, on our visit, a rich vegetarian ravioli. Both went extremely well with a rich Bourgogne Pinot Noir that the ever-able sommelier admirably selected.

A visit here is a pleasure and a joy. Just don't come at peak time if you're in a hurry. *By Nancy Alsop*

**FOOD: \*\*\*\***

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If you only do one thing with truffles this year, create a dish to enchant a loved one next month on that most romantic of days. At The Ritz, we will be serving Duck Egg Aphrodite with Truffled Croque Monsieur, a dish I have been making for almost 20 years and can honestly say, never fails to impress. Visit [theresident.co.uk](http://theresident.co.uk) to view the full recipe and try it for yourself.

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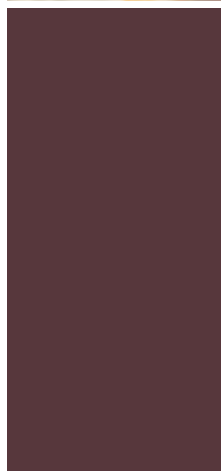
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### Off to a great start

The Fifth Floor Café at Harvey Nichols emerged from refurbishments with a bright new open-plan look and refreshed menu at the end of last year. For those of you planning to start 2012 on a health-kick, we recommend checking out its new breakfast offering, which includes the likes of porridge with heather honey and a vibrant green cucumber, apple and wasabi smoothie. **Fifth Floor Café, Harvey Nichols, 109-126 Knightsbridge, SW1X 7RJ 020 7823 1839**

## Table Talk By Annica Wainwright



### Never spelt this way before

Sharpham Park has launched a range of easy-cook 'Speltotto', which it promotes as a healthy alternative to risotto. We tried the pumpkin and shallot variety and were impressed with how easy it was to prepare (just add water and simmer for 12 minutes) but we did need to add grated parmesan before it tasted anywhere near as comforting as real risotto so the end result was rather calorific. Still, spelt remains one of the healthiest grains you can eat, packed with iron, zinc and riboflavin, and its nutty flavour is delicious. **Available in Selfridges and at sharphampark.com, £3.95 per 225g pack**

### Top of the pops

Snack yourself skinny with air-popped Diva popcorn, which we're told consists of less than 100 calories a bag (or 2 – 3 Weight Watchers Points if you're counting). Flavours range from punchy rock salt to a camembert, gouda and brie variety that went down a storm with our tasting panel – packed with naughty cheese flavour but less than four per cent fat. Our favourite? The sweet chipotle chilli variety, in which the popcorn is dusted with smokey – and quite hot – chilli powder. A great winter-warmer. **Available from Harrods, Harvey Nichols, Whole Foods and divaallstars.com**



### Feeling Japanese

The Hakkasan Group is launching a new Japanese cocktail and izakaya (grill) bar downstairs from Sake No Hana at 23 St James's Street this month. We're salivating at the thought...



### Smooth operator

The Sanderson will be serving a new range of detox smoothies in its Long Bar this January – try them as take-away or to wash down the new Malaysian street food menu from in-house restaurant Suka. We love the look of the iced strawberry smoothie – a great match for fragrant beef satay with peanut dipping sauce. The duck won ton soup and sea bass baked in banana leaf are delicious too. **Sanderson, 50 Berners Street, W1T 3NG, 020 7300 1400**





The chef's table at the impossibly brilliant Umu



Arty touches: glass bamboo at Umu



Japanese food at its best is both healthy and a treat

**Rather than embark upon some self-flagellating, torturous regime that generally does more harm than good, it's time to cast one's eyes East**

# Turning Japanese

After a belly-full of festive feasts, Tom Parker Bowles advises looking to Japan for healthy sustenance. But, warns he, be prepared to pay for the good stuff

January is the season of dreary repentance, a time to atone for the gut busting excess of Christmas. Gyms are joined (but visited only once), diets started (but rarely finished) and alcohol shunned (well, for the first 48 hours anyway). But rather than embark upon some self-flagellating, torturous regime that generally does more harm than good, it's time to cast one's eyes East. To Japan, the land where pleasure and guilt-free eating skip hand-in-hand. A place where the rays of the Rising Sun break through the dull, sober gloom of the year's beginning. And a cuisine where healthy eating means properly flavoured delight.

Not that all Japanese food is rosy-cheeked goodness. We tend to assume that this is a country that exists solely on sushi, sashimi and pickled whatever. Nothing could be further from the truth. The Japanese love their calorie-laden comfort as much as anyone: tonkatsu – breaded and deep fried porky ballast; curry rice – rich, sweet and properly

heavy; tamagoyaki – hefty rolled omelettes; and chanko nabe – a soup as hearty as the sumo wrestlers it feeds. But leave aside these weighty wonders for more indulgent months, and get back to the kind of food that cleanses both palate and soul.

London has a huge variety of Japanese restaurants, but only a fraction are any good. Those over-branded conveyor belt places might seem like the height of Eastern cool, but in reality, they serve up sushi that would be disdained by a starving cat. Good nigiri sushi (raw fish, generally, perched atop vinegared rice) and sashimi (slices of raw fish) restaurants are expensive by their nature. The freshest fish, cut by someone who knows their uni (sea urchin) from their ebi (prawn), cannot be done on the cheap.

The very best in town used to be found out in Acton, a tiny place called Sushi Hiro, run by a husband and wife. O-toro (fatty tuna) was impossibly buttery, yellowtail blissfully fresh. It's now been taken over by

Atariya (1 Station Parade, Uxbridge Road, W5 3LD), a Japanese fish importer, and although the quality is not quite as it used to be, it's still darn good. Excellent value too.

As is Yashin (yashinsushi.com), just off Kensington High Street. There are modern flourishes – blowtorched tuna, foie gras etc – and a lot of guff about eating their creations 'without soy sauce'. The quality, though, is superb. Go for The Yashin set lunch and prepare to tantalise those taste buds. For true purists, and those with very deep wallets, Umu (umurestaurant.com) is probably the best in town. The food is Kyoto based, superbly cooked and exquisite. A true treat, and sushi and sashimi that dazzles. Another high-end, traditional favourite is Chisou in Hanover Square. Go for the ankimo ponzu (monkfish liver in ponzu dressing), the house salad and wonderful cold udon noodles. Sushi and sashimi are first rate too. Roka (rokares-restaurant.com) in Fitzrovia is a bustling London institution; dishes such as crab rice hotpot and grilled aubergines keep the place eternally packed.

Fusion is a word that usually inspires fear but two places excel. First is the original Nobu, the world-slaying daddy of them all, mixing Japanese with Peruvian. It's still good, especially the iconic yellowtail with jalapeno and new style sashimi. Two cooks who trained there went off and opened Dinings (22 Harcourt Street, W1H) in Marylebone, where Japanese meets Spanish and Peruvian. The place is sublime, especially the seabass with yuzu and 'tar-tar' chips. In fact, it's probably my favourite London Japanese. But book as it's tiny and ever busy.

Last, but by no means least, is Koya (koya.co.uk). This is a cheap and cheerful Soho udon shop, where the noodles are made fresh every day. There's no sushi or sashimi, just hot and cold udon soups, along with tempura and miso. Its pork miso ramen is one of London's great dishes and cost under a tenner. Be prepared to queue; this is Japanese at its best. Proper sushi might be expensive, and a rare, if virtuous, treat. But at this time of year, when bank accounts are empty and bellies overfull, it is possible to eat well and healthily. Look east, and feast in peace.



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## Festive Afternoon Tea

**WHAT:** Festive Afternoon Tea

**WHERE:** The English Tea Room,  
Brown's Hotel, 33 Albermarle Street,  
W1S 4BP, 020 7493 6020

**ON THE MENU:** Straight-up traditional fare. Dainty finger sandwiches include salmon, (excellent) ham, turkey and egg and watercress. Scones are fruit and plain, served with lashings of clotted cream and good strawberry jam. The pastries are perhaps less impressive than some of the other offerings, with the best being a miniature chocolate fancy of sorts. If you're having champagne, the kind offered is Ruinart, one of the very best 'everyday' champagnes. Plates are replenished frequently and jovially.

**WHAT MAKES IT SPECIAL:**

Brown's has a more intimate feel than many of its competitors, and this sense of warmth and hospitality – akin to a country house hotel in many ways – shines through at afternoon tea in particular. You take it in a delightful wood-panelled room that has played host to writers such as Kipling and Agatha Christie, and little seems to have changed since their time. The quality of the food is very high; the only slight letdown was that, on a busy afternoon pre-Christmas, it took several requests for the much-anticipated cake trolley to come over. Thankfully, its appearance was more than worth it.

**DETAILS:** £47.50 with champagne, Monday to Friday, 3pm – 6pm; Saturday and Sunday, 1pm – 6pm, **[brownshotel.com/dining/the-english-tea-room](http://brownshotel.com/dining/the-english-tea-room)**

# 2 for tea

For those in the anti-January detox camp, there is no more civilised way to indulge than over tea, cakes – and the odd glass of champagne, of course

**Z**ena Alkayat is a woman who knows her tea – and her cake, scones and cucumber sandwiches for that matter. A particularly bad teatime experience prompted her pursuit of the perfect afternoon baked goodies, her travels taking her all across London to identify the finest places to scoff tortes, dainty fruity concoctions and great big slabs of farmhouse-style cakes. The result? *Tea & Cake London* (£9.99, Black Dog Publishing), a book of tea reviews categorised in to 'everyday specials', 'grand affairs', 'pop in, take out', 'tea with a twist' and 'virtuous vices.' It's a tough job, but someone had to do it. Here we round up three of our local favourites...



**WHAT:** Prêt-à-Portea

**WHERE:** Caramel Room, The Berkeley, Wilton Place, SW1X 7RL, 020 7107 8866

**ON THE MENU:** Though the convergence of the fashion and food worlds is rare indeed, nowhere could the union be happier. The Berkeley's inspired fashion tea starts with excellent finger sandwiches that are generously replenished (though, if you're truly one of the fashion elite it's unlikely that you'll succumb to round two).

What was refreshing is the fact that one tier of the traditional tea tower was dedicated to elegant canapés and savoury taster spoons. These dispatched, along with a glass of Laurent Perrier Grand Siècle, we move on to the cakes, which are perhaps the most creative fancies in the capital, with the likes of Stella McCartney, Lanvin, Miu Miu Valentino and Sonia Rykiel all having designed biscuits and cakes as miniatures of the looks of the season.

**WHAT MAKES IT SPECIAL:** Does it get more special than scoffing a Stella McCartney-designed polka dot sponge cake, or a spiced Miu Miu high-heeled biscuit?

**DETAILS:** £47.50 with champagne, daily 1pm – 6pm, [the-berkeley.co.uk/fashionista\\_tea](http://the-berkeley.co.uk/fashionista_tea)



**WHAT:** Champagne Afternoon Tea

**WHERE:** Espellette at The Connaught, Carlos Place, W1K 2AL, 020 7499 7070

**ON THE MENU:** Takers of tea start with a generous glass of Laurent-Perrier – quite the best way to commence any afternoon feast. First up, as tradition dictates, is a round of perfect sandwiches, which doff their cap to convention with the ever-delicate cucumber and dill fillings, but also embrace the more experimental with such delights as a teriyaki chicken panino. Fresh scones are the very stuff of comfort and are accompanied by an amazing array of jams by Christine Ferber. The piece de resistance has to be the pastries, which are beautiful as jewels, some of the mousse-like concoctions arriving in dainty glass dishes, and all of them unutterably lovely. To round off, there are slices heartier and more rustic cakes to ensure that you leave feeling replete. The very fine tea ranges from the likes of Sencha Gyokuro Asahi Pearl Dew (considered the best leaves in Japan) to the Royal Connaught Afternoon black tea.

**WHAT MAKES IT SPECIAL:** The room itself is utter bliss; we sat by the fire place and cosied up in the elegant interior room. The jams are a lovely touch, ranging as they do from bitter orange with ginger bread and spices mix to quince jelly and cherry, rhubarb and mint. Christine Ferber is the acknowledged queen of jam in France, having made over 800 varieties. A treat, in short.

**DETAILS:** £45, Monday to Friday 3pm – 5.30pm; Saturday and Sunday, 1.30pm, 3.30pm and 5.30pm sittings,

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2012 begins with an important new appointment in the world of education: Sir Michael Wilshaw takes up his post as Chief Inspector of Schools. Sir Michael is the inspirational head of the former Hackney Downs School - now Mossbourne Academy - which is rated as both "outstanding" and "exceptional". The school is under a mile away from this summer's riot-stricken Pembury Estate.

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If you are taking time to read School Report, you will, no doubt, share our passion in the pursuit of excellence in education. So whatever our role - Chief Inspector of schools, teacher or parent - we will all be playing our part by continuing to support our children to aspire to be the best that they can be, in every sense and regardless of which school they attend.

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# A good READ

Katy Hall and Sue Laidlaw discuss ways to engage your teenager in reading for pleasure



With the never-ending stream of outside influences that teenagers in today's society are faced with, is it any surprise that teachers and parents alike often face an uphill struggle in an attempt to get teenagers to read? By the time teenagers finish school, complete whatever extra-curricular club they might be attending, travel home, eat and complete their homework, the last thing that they seem to want to do is read. Relaxation for many teens seems to come, all too often, in the form of television, video games, Facebook and the like. Many teenagers see reading as some sort of chore, another task on their endless list of things to do for school.

The struggle that we as teachers and parents face is not so much getting them to read, but more showing them that reading is not something which has to be associated with school, that it can be light relief, an escapism, something enjoyable for them to do. Once this is achieved, the reading will complete itself. The skills of speed, accuracy in reading, understanding and retrieval of information that are developed through reading for pleasure aids further development across the curriculum. Reading is key and this is why it is so crucial that we tackle this problem as early as possible with our teenagers.

There is also much to be said for thinking outside the box when it comes to getting teenagers to read - don't assume you have to

stick to novels. A great deal of teenagers respond to reading poetry, plays, short stories, newspaper and magazine articles, blogs... The list goes on. Once again, these can be used as a gateway to more challenging reading later but sometimes, particularly for the less academic child, introducing them to something shorter and more manageable can be encouraging. In addition, they benefit from exposure to different forms of writing. This can be equally beneficial for the brightest of children who yearn to be challenged. We found that one of the most effective methods that I have ever used with one of my most challenging Year 10 pupils was to introduce him to reading new plays. More and more, new playwrights veer towards shorter plays, some with only 75 minute running times. In terms of reading we are given something much more manageable.

So for parents trying to encourage their children to read rather than watch the latest TV programme, the most important thing to remember is to be positive, start small and dispel the myth that it is something which is solely linked to school. Begin by encouraging just 15 minutes at a time and be supportive - help them to choose a book which they feel is something that they would enjoy. Happy reading...

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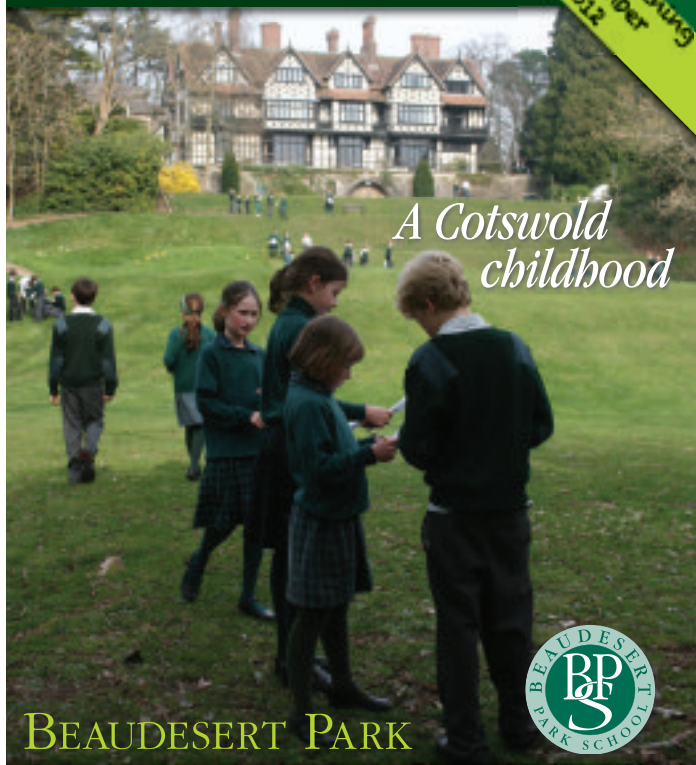
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**What do you get asked most often as a trainer?**

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**What piece of fitness advice do you swear by?**

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**Whose body do you most admire?**

Tina Turner. She's the same age as my father and still wears Herve Leger – amazing.

**Which celebrities do you think spend too much time at the gym?**

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**What's your favourite restaurant?**

Le Poule au Pot in the winter and The River Cottage in the summer.

**What's your most memorable local meal?**

My first date with my husband was at Sophie's. We drank G&Ts and couldn't eat, we were so nervous.

**What would you eat for your last supper?**

My mother's roast beef and Yorkshire pud.

**How would you spend a 'lost day' in your area?**

There's nothing I love more than a day

**Who would you**

**invite to your dream dinner party?**

Martha Lane Fox, Oprah, Steve Martin (right), Lionel Richie and Jamie Oliver



**What do you do to spoil yourself?**

Manicures and pedicures with the girls at Kx



**Whose sense of**

**style do you most admire?**

If I were ten years younger, Blake Lively

**Name your desert island essentials...**

Eve Lom Cleanser, Clarins shower gel, Petite Bateau T-shirts, my mac book and my family



**Least favourite thing about living in your area?**

The traffic



with no plans. A long walk along the river and people watching is hard to beat.

**If you could change one thing about London, what would it be?** End the congestion charge.

**What's your greatest London extravagance?**

Black cabs – the best cabbies in the world.

Lazy London weekends or green wellies in the

**Cotswolds?** I spend my weekends in Sussex but don't own green wellies.

**Where were the last three places you went on holiday?** Sharm El Sheikh, Zimbabwe and Thailand, which is like a second home to me.

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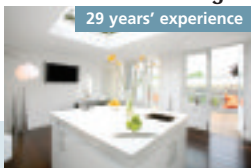
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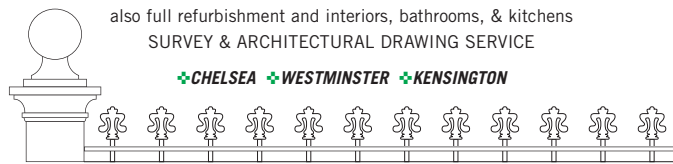
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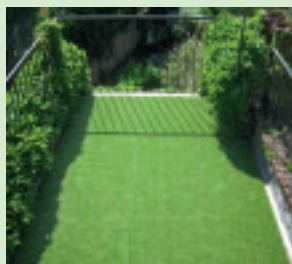
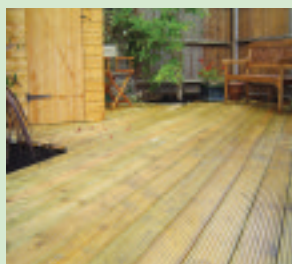
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**Wow factor:** Uniquely, there is a terrace overlooking Cadogan Square accessed through two French windows.

**Extras:** Two double bedrooms, reception room, kitchen, two en-suite bathrooms, lift, and caretaker.

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**Rawlings Street, SW3**

**£2,950,000 freehold**

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**What's in store for 2012?****Howard Elston, Aylesford International**

With every paper and broadcast being dominated by the Eurozone crisis, it would be naïve to imagine this will have no effect on the lower and middle range Central London market. There seems, however, little chance of any lessening of demand at the top end of the market with rich international buyers set to continue their search for prime London property, pushing prices ever higher.

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## Elvaston Mews | South Kensington | SW7

2,712 sq ft (251.94 sq m)

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Entrance hall | Reception room | Kitchen/dining room | Three bedrooms | Four bath/shower rooms | Family/media room | Study/gym | Utility room | Cloakroom | Garage | Terrace

Asking price £3,950,000 Freehold

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## Ennismore Gardens Mews | Knightsbridge | SW7

1,583 sq ft (147.06 sq m)

Located in this sought after Knightsbridge mews, this well presented two/three bedroom mews house has planning consent for a conservatory extension.

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## Grosvenor Gardens Mews South | Belgravia | SW1

2,193 sq ft (203.73 sq m)

Tucked away, just off Ebury Street, this superb new mews house is arranged over three floors and has been totally rebuilt to offer exceptional entertaining space and two double bedroom suites.

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**What:** A studio house located in the sought after Edith Grove.  
**Wow factor:** At the rear of the house the style is contemporary with lots of glass.

**Extras:** A lovely home that can be kept in the same configuration, or potentially be extended considerably to make a much larger house. The house also has two off street parking spaces and a good sized south west-facing garden.

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**Richmond Court, Sloane Street, SW1X**  
**£895 per week fully furnished**

**What:** A large, west-facing apartment situated in this secure, newly renovated building.

**Wow factor:** Is in impeccable condition having been meticulously refurbished and further benefits from new furniture throughout.

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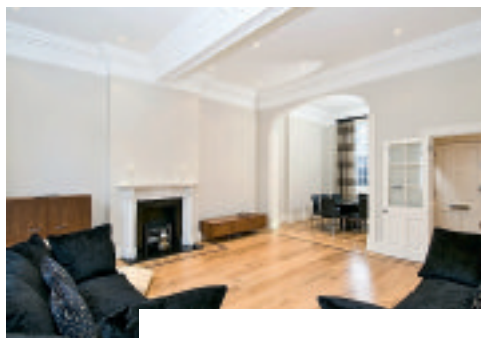
**Rutland Street, SW7**  
**£1,450 per week furnished**

**What:** A charming house with the benefit of a south-facing garden.

**Wow factor:** The house is presented in good order throughout and is situated in the heart of 'Knightsbridge Village'.

**Extras:** Three bedrooms, reception room, kitchen, two bathrooms (one en-suite), garden, dining room, study, and storage vaults.

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**Ovington Gardens, SW3**  
**£2,200 per week furnished or unfurnished**

**What:** A fabulous first floor balcony flat in a lateral conversion.

**Wow factor:** Refurbished to a high standard, of particular note is the 35ft drawing room and dining area.

**Extras:** Two double bedrooms, large reception room, cloakroom, balcony, kitchen, two bathroom, wood floors, and lift.

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## Walton Street SW3

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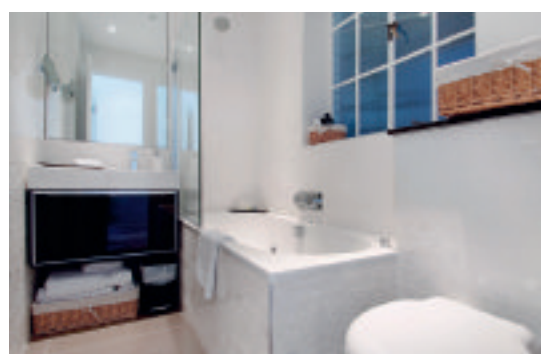
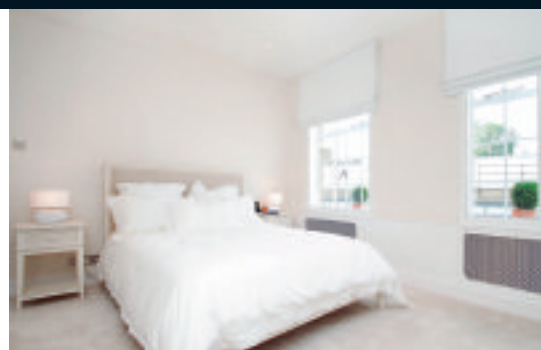


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Reception room ♦ kitchen / dining room ♦ 3 bedrooms  
♦ bathroom ♦ roof terrace ♦ lift ♦ study ♦ cloakroom  
♦ 136 sq m (1,465 sq ft)



**Savills Chelsea**

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Guide £2.25 million Leasehold, approximately 37 years remaining



## AN IMMACULATELY PRESENTED FLAT WITH STUNNING VIEWS SLOANE COURT WEST, SW3

Entrance hall ♦ reception room ♦ kitchen ♦ master bedroom with en suite bathroom ♦ 2 further bedrooms ♦ shower room ♦ lift ♦ resident caretaker ♦ access to communal garden  
♦ 139 sq m (1,496 sq ft)



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Guide £2.45 million Leasehold, approximately 35 years remaining





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3 bedrooms all with en suite bathrooms ♦ reception room ♦ kitchen ♦ terrace ♦ 160 sq m (1,722 sq ft)

**£2,250 per week** **Furnished**



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## A VERY DESIRABLE HOUSE IN THIS SOUGHT AFTER STREET SOUTH OF THE KING'S ROAD

SMITH TERRACE, SW3

5 bedrooms ♦ 2 reception rooms ♦ kitchen  
♦ 2 bathrooms ♦ guest cloakroom ♦ balcony  
♦ utility room ♦ 169 sq m (1,827 sq ft)

**£2,200 per week** **Unfurnished**



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# Fresh appeal



## Embankment Gardens, SW3 £3,500,000 leasehold

**What:** A beautiful first floor flat with rooms of excellent proportions.

**Wow factor:** All of the reception rooms are south facing with views from the principal rooms towards the River Thames and the bedrooms overlook the gardens of the Royal Hospital.

**Extras:** Kitchen/breakfast room, dining room, drawing room, family room, master bedroom with en-suite, two further bedrooms, family bathroom, separate cloakroom/wc, lift, and resident caretaker  
**Charlie Bubeare, Savills 020 7578 9001**



## Chapel Street, SW1 £8,995,000 freehold

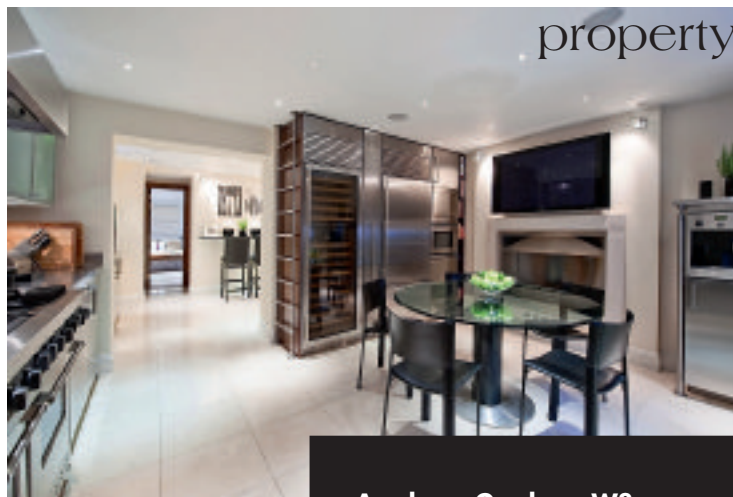
**What:** An exceptionally designed house presented in excellent condition with a south east facing terrace and balcony.

**Wow factor:** Steam room, LEAX lighting system, hoovering system on each floor, integrated sound system throughout and air conditioning.

**Extras:** Entrance Hall, drawing room, dining room, media room, kitchen/breakfast room, master bedroom with en-suite shower room, four further bedrooms (two en-suite), dressing suite, guest cloakroom, maid's room, study, balcony, terrace, and garage.  
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## Bob Champion 'Fish 'n' Chips' Evening

Savills along with Kingsley Napley sponsored the Bob Champion 'Fish 'n' Chips' evening at the Bluebird Dining Rooms on the Kings Road on Thursday 17 November. The event was in aid of the Bob Champion Cancer Trust and the committee sold the full 200 tickets, raising approximately £8,000. Noel de Keyser of Savills Sloane Street comments: "This was a thoroughly enjoyable evening for all of those who attended and it has helped raise a fantastic amount of money for a very important cause."



## Academy Gardens, W8 £1,795 per week furnished

**What:** A spacious ground and lower ground floor maisonette, located in a prime spot in this keenly sought development.

**Wow factor:** The property offers elegant entertaining space with high ceilings and the south facing reception overlooks the beautifully landscaped gardens.

**Extras:** Reception room, two bedrooms, two bathrooms, swimming pool, and parking by separate negotiation.

**Matthew Hobbs, Savills  
020 7535 3300**



## Market Comment: Simon Buhl Davis of Savills Interior Services

### How can I make my property appeal to the widest possible audience?

Try not to follow the trendy, fashionable kitchens and bathrooms in showrooms and magazines as they date very quickly and will lose the property value unless they are brand new. A three-year-old kitchen in gloss

lime green might have been the height of cutting edge at the time, but now will have people thinking about how much it is going to cost to replace and their sales offer will reflect this cost.

Most agents will advise to keep things "neutral" and although this has become a cliché, there is some merit and reason for what they are saying. The majority of applicants will be looking for a home so it is important to ensure that there is personality in a property, but not too much and nothing overwhelming. Kitchens and bathrooms are areas where people are also concerned about hygiene and so it is best to keep it simple by using good quality fittings and fixtures that will last and generally light colours are most popular. The most important thing to think about is who your target demographic is and what appeals to that audience without spending unnecessarily in order to appeal to them.



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Candlemakers Apartments, Battersea Park SW11  
Leasehold  
£2,100,000

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# Down by the river

The latest from  
Knight Frank Waterside



## 41 Dolphin House, Imperial Wharf, SW6 £725pw

**What:** Recently refurbished to an exceptional standard, a two bedroom apartment within the sought after Imperial Wharf development in Fulham.

**Wow factor:** The apartment has been decorated in a neutral, contemporary style and offers lovely views of the river and landscaped gardens from the balcony.

**Extras:** Accommodation comprises two double bedrooms with en suite bathroom to the master, second bathroom, modern open plan kitchen and reception room leading out to a private balcony. The development benefits from many on site amenities including a 24 hour concierge service, resident's gym, landscaped gardens and a range of cafes and restaurants. Secure underground parking is also available by separate negotiation.

**Knight Frank, 020 3597 7680**



## Cubitt Building, Grosvenor Waterside SW1W £2,750,000

**What:** A beautiful duplex penthouse.

**Wow factor:** Has a fantastic terrace with spectacular river views across Chelsea Bridge.

**Extras:** The reception room is bright with floor to ceiling windows, and Grosvenor Waterside is a short walk to Sloane Square.

**Knight Frank Riverside, 020 3597 7670**



## Lettings Comment Mark Howell, Head of Lettings, Knight Frank Riverside

The London Riverside market has seen an extremely strong year all round. Demand has grown significantly and supply is failing to match it. Over the past two years we have seen rents rise by 27% on average and although we don't expect the same high level of growth over 2012, we do still expect a steady 4.5% - 5% growth over the year. Due to the modern finish and high security of our developments, 56% of our Riverside applicants come from overseas and this will continue to drive demand forward, and with supply still remaining low I can only anticipate that the Riverside market will continue in a positive fashion.

**Knight Frank Riverside, 020 3597 7680**



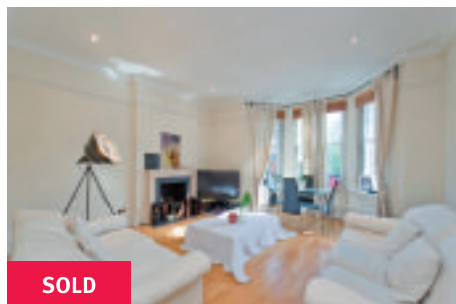
## Sales Comment Kris Ericsson, Knight Frank Riverside

The Riverside sales market has been extremely active over the past year, and we expect this trend to continue into next year as well. One of the main drivers behind this activity has been the uncertainty within the financial markets around the globe as is highlighted via the current demand, where the majority of the current buyers are foreign nationals from continental Europe, China, India and the Middle East. To date the Eurozone crisis has had a generally positive impact on the Riverside market and people see property along the river as a safe place to invest their money in, especially since riverside flats are limited in supply. The general Riverside stock suits the international buyer more so than the alternatives, where most of these developments include parking, concierge and gym facilities, making it an ideal lock and key investment.

**Knight Frank Riverside, 020 3597 7670**



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**SOLD**

**Beaufort Mansions SW3**  
Guide price: £795,000



**SOLD**

**Bramerton Street SW3**  
Guide price: £1,800,000



**SOLD**

**Evelyn Gardens SW7**  
Guide price: £2,200,000



**SOLD**

**Barkston Gardens SW5**  
Guide price: £2,250,000



**SOLD**

**Thistle Grove SW10**  
Guide price: £2,300,000



**SOLD**

**Beaufort Street SW3**  
Guide price: £2,325,000



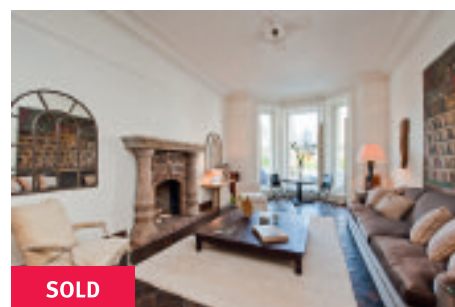
**SOLD**

**Roland Way SW7**  
Guide price: £2,650,000



**SOLD**

**Lamont Road SW10**  
Guide price: £3,000,000



**SOLD**

**Courtfield Gardens SW5**  
Guide price: £3,750,000

## What our clients say about us

*"A huge thank you to Knight Frank Chelsea, and in particular John Waters, for an outstanding job done in selling our property. Your professionalism, candour and tenacity throughout the entire process were greatly appreciated. We were extremely pleased with the outcome and look forward to both working with you again in the future and recommending you to our friends and colleagues."*

**C.B**

*"After a rather protracted process I have now sold my London house. I used Knight Frank in Chelsea and in particular James Pace. They have done an outstanding job in pushing the process along and keeping the price up."*

**C.B**

**Amy Rogers**  
Negotiator



**Nick Gaunt**  
Negotiator



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Senior Negotiator



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Associate



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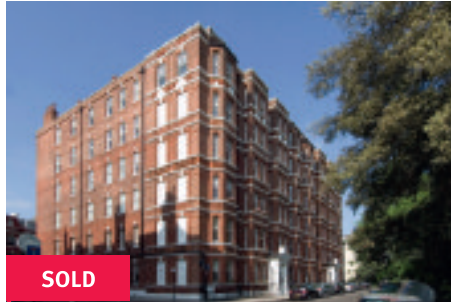
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**Paultons Square SW3**  
Guide price: £3,950,000



**SOLD**

**Carlyle Mansions SW3**  
Guide price: £4,250,000



**SOLD**

**Cathcart Road SW10**  
Guide price: £5,250,000



**SOLD**

**Chelsea Park Gardens SW3**  
Guide price: £5,250,000



**SOLD**

**Elm Park Road SW3**  
Guide price: £5,750,000



**SOLD**

**Hereford Square SW7**  
Guide price: £7,500,000



**SOLD**

**Gilston Road SW10**  
Guide price: £8,500,000



**SOLD**

**The Vale SW3**  
Guide price: £13,000,000



**SOLD**

**Onslow Gardens SW7**  
Guide price: £14,000,000

### What our clients say about us

*"Following the recent sale of our property with Knight Frank, I wanted to thank John Kennedy and in particular Lucy Holroyd for a great job on the sale. Lucy remained professional, responsive and was a real pleasure to deal with. Her commitment was commendable considering we had a few hiccups on the way (previous buyers pulled out two days before the exchange). Lucy was very quick to react and had found new buyers within a matter of days. We are very appreciative of the great effort."*

**B.A**

*"I'd like to sincerely thank you all for your effort in getting our house across the line on exchange last week. Now all we need to do is complete and find a new one to buy! Thanks again to you all for your great efforts here. Best regards."*

**R.P**

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**Christchurch Street SW3**

Guide price: £2,250,000



**SOLD**

**Montpelier Walk SW7**

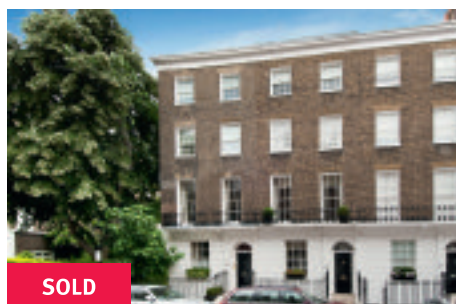
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**SOLD**

**Trevor Square SW7**

Guide price: £3,750,000



**SOLD**

**South Terrace SW7**

Guide price: £4,950,000



**SOLD**

**Alexander Place SW3**

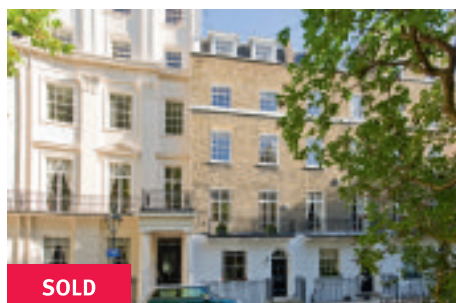
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**SOLD**

**Walton Place SW3**

Guide price: £6,950,000



**SOLD**

**Brompton Square SW3**

Guide price: £8,950,000



**SOLD**

**Egerton Crescent SW3**

Guide price: £13,000,000



**SOLD**

**Tregunter Road SW10**

Guide price: £15,000,000

## What our clients say about us

*"My husband and I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for working with us to sell our house recently. At our first meeting, we were impressed by your professionalism, industry knowledge and straightforward attitude. Your recommendations were sound and your professionalism was echoed by your support team. We especially appreciate the persistence you showed in helping bring all parties together to complete the sale on schedule. We will not hesitate to consult you and Knight Frank again should we decide to sell another house."*

**R.M**

*"I would like to thank Knight Frank for your efforts and support in helping to sell our property. Without your local market insight, advice on selling strategy and Alexander's ability to build a strong relationship with ourselves and the buyer we would have been unable to achieve such a great outcome. I would have no hesitation in instructing Knight Frank to act on our behalf again in the future."*

**D.C**

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Department Head



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**SOLD**

**Egerton Gardens SW3**  
Guide price: £2,000,000



**SOLD**

**Cadogan Gardens SW3**  
Guide price: £2,750,000



**SOLD**

**Albert Court SW7**  
Guide price: £3,250,000



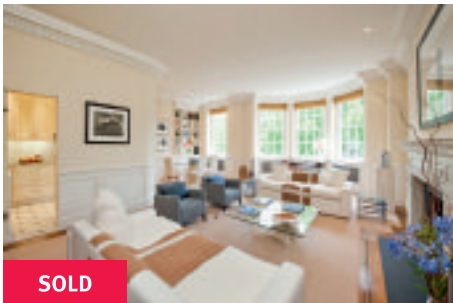
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**Onslow Square SW7**  
Guide price: £4,450,000



**SOLD**

**Wilbraham Place SW1**  
Guide price: £4,750,000



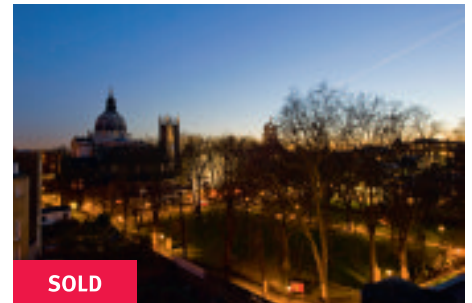
**SOLD**

**Cadogan Square SW1**  
Guide price: £5,500,000



**SOLD**

**Trevor Square SW7**  
Guide price: £7,450,000



**SOLD**

**Ennismore Gardens SW7**  
Guide price: £8,950,000

### What our clients say about us

*"A big thank you for all your help with the sale of our property. From the very first meeting I was impressed with your enthusiasm and you handled the sale in a very professional manner, achieving a price which was at the high end of my expectations, I would not hesitate to use your services again."*

**C.C**

*"The team at Knight Frank has been an invaluable partner to our family. They have consistently partnered with us to market our unique property and achieving our goal in wanting to obtain a record sale price for the area in a record amount of time which proves their client base is second to none. The Knight Frank team has been by our side every step of the way helping us navigate market challenges successfully and we are proud to call them our partners."*

**F.G**

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**SOLD**

**Ormond Yard SW1**

Guide price: £2,495,000



**SOLD**

**Market Mews W1**

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**SOLD**

**Park Street W1**

Guide price: £3,100,000



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**Balfour Mews W1**

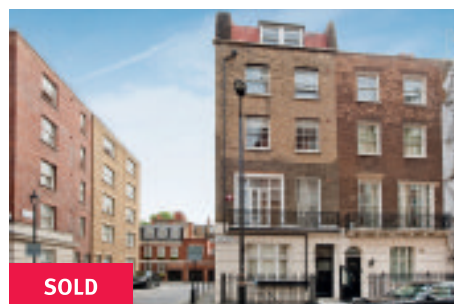
Guide price: £3,750,000



**SOLD**

**Balfour Mews W1**

Guide price: £3,750,000



**SOLD**

**Park Street W1**

Guide price: £4,000,000



**SOLD**

**Chesterfield Street W1**

Guide price: £12,000,000



**SOLD**

**Park Street W1**

Guide price: £19,500,000



**SOLD**

**Charles Street W1**

Guide price: £25,000,000

## What our clients say about us

*"The real difference Knight Frank offered was the total service approach from initial contact to your office. A high level of importance is obviously put on the rapid return of calls, flexibility in arranging initial valuations through to preparation of sale particulars."*

**J.C**

*"I have known Richard for over 10 years and whenever I think of Mayfair property I think of Richard Cutt. Quite simply he knows his Mayfair. He knows what is available on the market and what is right for that individual client. Richard's biggest strength is his in depth interior design knowledge. Having developed numerous Mayfair properties over the past 5 years I always involve Richard during the design process as he knows what sells. When I have a problem with a professional I am using or just need advice, I have him on my speed dial for advice. I hope we will continue to work together for many years to come."*

**A.C**

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**Jermyn Street SW1**  
Guide price: £610,000



**SOLD**

**Brooks Mews W1**  
Guide price: £920,000



**SOLD**

**Hertford Street W1**  
Guide price: £1,200,000



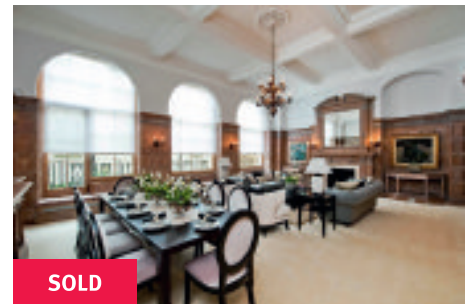
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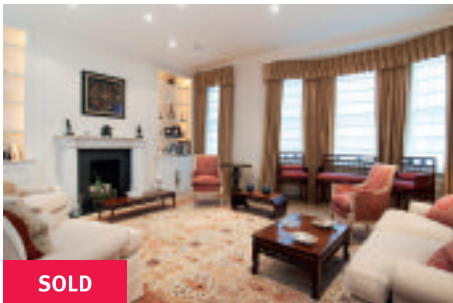
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**Clarges Street W1**  
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**Hill Street W1**  
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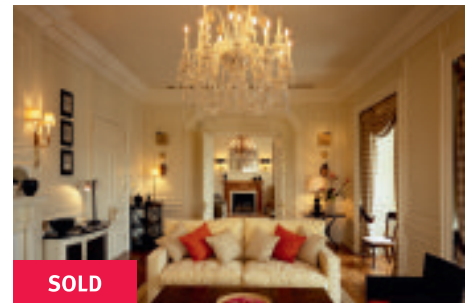
**SOLD**

**Davies Street W1**  
Guide price: £6,500,000



**SOLD**

**Pall Mall SW1**  
Guide price: £8,500,000



**SOLD**

**Old Park Lane W1**  
Guide price: £20,000,000

### What our clients say about us

*"Effective, efficient, friendly and discreet are the words that spring to mind when thinking of my Knight Frank sales experience."*  
**P.B**

*"Thank you Knight Frank - You are always proactive, enthusiastic, and knowledgeable. Because of this, we have been very comfortable to execute multiple transactions through you. We could not be more pleased with your service."*  
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## Oyster Wharf, Battersea SW11

A rare three bedroom penthouse apartment

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**Eaton Place SW1**

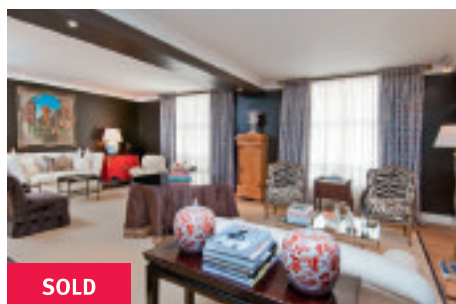
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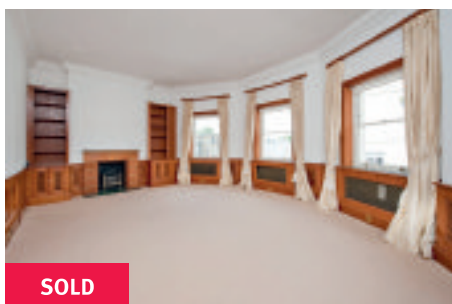
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**SOLD**

**Halkin Place SW1**

Guide price: £4,200,000



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**Eaton Place SW1**

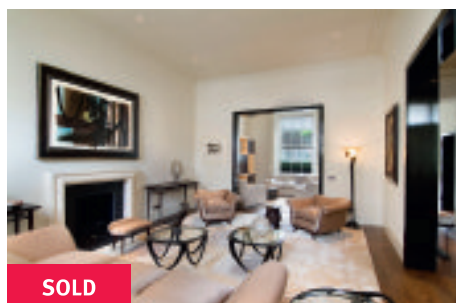
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**SOLD**

**Montrose Place SW1**

Guide price: £6,800,000



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**Eaton Place SW1**

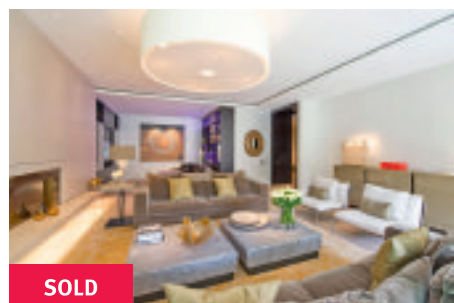
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**SOLD**

**Eaton Square SW1**

Guide price: £8,950,000



**SOLD**

**Montrose Place SW1**

Guide price: £18,000,000

## What our clients say about us

*"Many thanks for all your help with the sale. We appreciated your hard work, advice and support throughout and are glad to have done so well. We would certainly recommend you to others and will keep you in mind should we require assistance with a purchase or sale in the future."*

**K.W**

*"I would like to thank Emma for the excellent service you provided. You were professional and efficient, offered sound advice and produced an excellent result. I will of course consider using Knight Frank again should the need arise."*

**S.L**



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**Chester Row SW1**

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**SOLD**

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Guide price: £4,450,000



**SOLD**

**Gerald Road SW1**

Guide price: £4,600,000



**SOLD**

**Eaton Terrace SW1**

Guide price: £4,650,000



**SOLD**

**Eaton Terrace SW1**

Guide price: £6,750,000



**SOLD**

**Chester Square SW1**

Guide price: £7,850,000



**SOLD**

**South Eaton Place SW1**

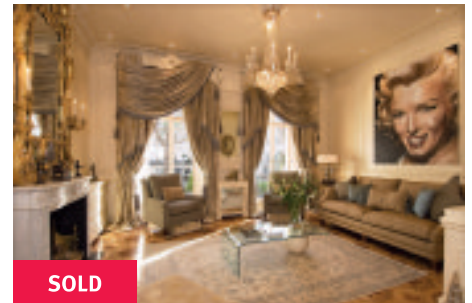
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**SOLD**

**Wilton Crescent SW1**

Guide price: £9,500,000



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**Chester Square SW1**

Guide price: £12,500,000

## What our clients say about us

*"Stuart Bailey at Knight Frank provided me great advice and achieved a very successful and timely sale of my flat. I very much appreciate his assistance in recent months as a first time buyer in Belgravia. Stuart and his team made me feel as a valued client from purchase to sale. I hope we will continue to work together in the future."*

**G.S**

*"I am delighted with the quick and trouble free sale of my flat achieved in no small part as a result of the efforts of yourself and your team at Knight Frank. The polite and efficient way in which Simon Tollit handled proceedings on my behalf from the outset made the whole process a great deal less stressful than might have been expected and for this I cannot thank you enough. Consequently, I would heartily recommend your services to any prospective client of yours."*

**C.A**

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A beautifully proportioned and exceptionally well presented 1<sup>st</sup> floor flat with high ceilings and French windows opening onto a balcony directly overlooking the square gardens. Approx. 1,030 sq ft.

2 bedroom suites, drawing room, entrance hall.

Lease to 2105 Guide Price £2,795,000 JSA:WA Ellis 020 7306 1610



## FLOOD STREET, SW3

A well presented upper maisonette located on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> floors of a handsome period building with the unusual benefit of its own front door. Approx. 1,122 sq ft.

2 bedrooms, bathroom, double reception room, entrance hall.

Lease to 2133 Guide Price £1,600,000



## EMBANKMENT GARDENS, SW3

A spacious flat benefiting from a lovely garden and high ceilings, with excellent potential to extend the property. Approx. 906 sq ft.

Bedroom, bathroom, reception room, cloakroom, garden.

Lease to 2105 Guide Price £925,000



## MERIDEN COURT, SW3

A well proportioned flat on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of this popular portered building. Approx. 526 sq ft.

Bedroom, bathroom, reception room, entrance hall, porter, lift.

Lease to 2121 Guide Price £565,000



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## WELLINGTON SQUARE, SW3

A charming double fronted Grade II Listed period house with a delightful south facing garden, enjoying a triple aspect in a secluded position and tucked away at the south west corner of the square.

2/3 double bedrooms, en suite bathroom, en suite shower room, drawing room, library, dining room/bedroom 3, family kitchen, cloakroom, wine cellar; 22'4" x 19'10" south facing garden.

Freehold Guide Price £5,000,000



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## QUEEN'S GATE MEWS, SW7

With a discreet entrance in the mews, this wonderful penthouse maisonette is on the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> floors (direct lift) of a substantial period building fronting onto Queen's Gate Terrace. Approx. 2,239 sq ft.

4 bedrooms, bathroom, en suite shower room, reception room, cloakroom, roof terrace.

Lease to 2178 Guide Price £4,250,000



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## SUMNER PLACE, SW7

A wonderful opportunity to acquire a grand, white stucco fronted family house with delightful westerly views over the gardens of Rose Square, in the heart of South Kensington. Mixing both formal entertaining space and informal living in the kitchen and media room. Approx. 3,685 sq ft.

5 bedrooms, 5 bathrooms, double reception room, dining room, kitchen/breakfast room, utility room, cloakroom, media room, garden.

Freehold Guide Price £7,495,000



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## TRINITY MEWS, W10

A fantastic mews house finished to an extremely high standard and located just off Cambridge Gardens. Ideally located to the shops, bars, restaurants and market on Portobello Road. Approx. 1,173 sq ft.

2 bedrooms, bathroom, en suite shower room, open-plan reception room/kitchen, study/dressing room, cloakroom, front balcony, front courtyard, off-street parking.

Freehold Guide Price £999,950





## HORBURY CRESCENT, W11

A wonderful family house set over 4 floors in central Notting Hill, offering flexible living with good proportions and fully refurbished in 2004. Approx. 2,764 sq ft. 5 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms (1 en suite), double reception, kitchen/dining room/family room, 2 cloakrooms, utility room, landscaped garden.

**Freehold Guide Price £4,500,000**



## PEMBROKE ROAD, W8

Set back from the road, this completely re-designed family house offers off-street parking, a garage and a 66 ft landscaped garden. Approx. 2,680 sq ft. 4 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms (2 en suite), 3 receptions, garden room, terrace.

**Freehold Guide Price £4,250,000**



## CAMPDEN HILL GARDENS, W8

A handsome double-fronted, south facing period maisonette with an impressive reception room, overlooking Aubrey Walk. Approx. 1,140 sq ft. 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms (1 en suite), reception room, hall, utility room.

**Freehold Share Guide Price £1,100,000**



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## SUTHERLAND STREET, SW1

Cleverly designed 1<sup>st</sup> floor flat with a south west facing balcony.

2 bedrooms, en suite bathroom, shower room, reception room, kitchen/dining room, balcony.

Freehold Share Guide Price £975,000



## SLOANE STREET, SW1

Lease to 2173 Guide Price £2,995,000



## PONSONBY TERRACE, SW1

Freehold Guide Price £1,495,000



## EATON SQUARE, SW1

Lease to 2025 Guide Price £995,000

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## EATON PLACE, SW1

Beautifully presented top floor penthouse apartment within close proximity of Sloane Square and Knightsbridge. 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, 2 reception rooms.

Furnished £3,500 per week



## PALACE STREET, SW1

Well appointed 9<sup>th</sup> floor apartment in the heart of Westminster and close to the shopping and restaurant facilities of Victoria Street and Cardinal Place.

3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, reception room.

Furnished £1,325 per week



## ECCLESTON SQUARE, SW1

2<sup>nd</sup> floor apartment with access to private gardens and ideally located to Victoria and Belgravia.

2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, reception room.

Furnished £700 per week



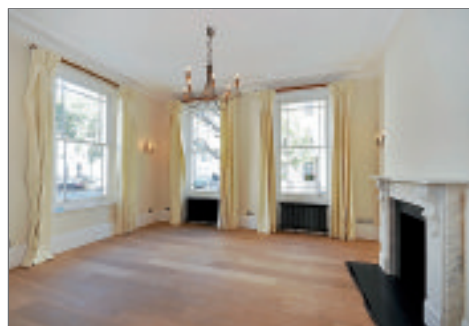
## MARSHAM STREET, SW1

A flat on the top (4<sup>th</sup>) floor of this purpose built period block in a desirable location.

Bedroom, bathroom, reception room.

Furnished £400 per week





## Cambridge Street, SW1

This is a very fine and beautifully modernised five/six bedroom, four bathroom family house extending to circa 4200 sq.ft, with ample entertaining space. An exceptional refurbishment programme has just been completed to restore the house, ensuring an excellent finish is achieved to combine modern living with period charm.

**£4,450,000 Freehold**

2 Reception Rooms,  
Kitchen/Dining Room/Family Room  
Staff Accommodation  
5/6 Bedrooms  
4 Bathrooms  
Cinema Room

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## Adam and Eve Mews, W8

Rare to the market a fully functional 3 bedroom (3035 sq ft approx) 3 storey period mews house complete with commercial accommodation under one freehold. The property is offered in good condition throughout and incorporates a large west facing reception room and separate kitchen both with direct access to a private roof terrace on the first floor. A dining room and study / bedroom 4 plus ground floor entrance hall completes the residential living space.

**£4,050,000 Freehold**

3 Storey Mews house  
4 bedrooms  
Kitchen  
Large reception room  
Terrace  
Commercial/office space



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## Cliveden Place, SW1

A comprehensively refurbished Grade II listed house situated on the south side of this very attractive Georgian terrace, with a lift and south facing Garden. The property is situated equidistant between Eaton Square and Sloane Square.

**£6,650,000 Freehold**

Reception Room  
 Dining Room  
 4 Bedrooms  
 Lift  
 Media Room  
 Steam Room

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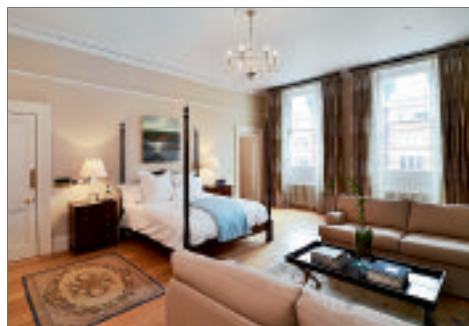
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## Queen's Gate, SW7

This superb house with adjoining mews has been beautifully refurbished by the award winning Czarska Group. The property has 12 bedrooms with 11 bathrooms and offers 15,676 sq ft of living space, which seamlessly accommodates grand entertainment at the highest level, together with family privacy and live-in staff quarters.

**£25,000,000, Freehold**

12 bedrooms

11 bathrooms

Cinema room

Pool with Jacuzzi

Staff accommodation

Terrace



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## Hugon Road, SW6

A beautiful terraced house in this popular residential street. The house has been stylishly refurbished by the present owners and would make a superb family home. At the back of the house is a stunning fully extended kitchen leading on to a south facing garden. There are four good bedrooms upstairs, including a spectacular master suite on the top floor.

**£1,150,000 Freehold**

*Two Reception rooms  
 Extended kitchen  
 Four bedrooms  
 Two bathrooms  
 Cloakroom  
 Garden*

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## Roland Gardens, SW7

A light and bright two bedroom second floor apartment in a lovely period building located in this popular SW7 road. This property has a 23'11" west facing reception room and also offers two bathrooms, a share of freehold and a 16'4" master bedroom.

**£1,525,000 Share of Freehold (Leasehold)**

*Lovely period building*

*Second floor*

*West facing reception room*

*23'11" reception room*

*West facing kitchen*

*Two bathrooms*

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## Drayton Gardens , SW10

A lovely top floor, two bedroom apartment with a lift in an attractive mansion block. The large main reception room has plenty of light, westerly views and a small balcony. The flat has been newly redecorated and with over 1100 square feet of accommodation, the property would suit a small family looking to be close to the amenities on the Fulham Road.

**£995 per week Part Furnished**

*2 bedrooms  
 2 bathrooms  
 Large reception  
 Lift  
 Great views  
 Small balcony*

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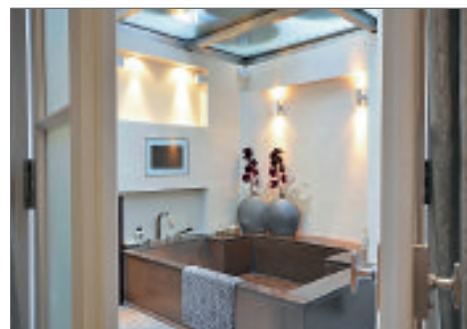
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### Cornwall Gardens, SW7

A simply exquisite property with a completely contemporary and bespoke finish. The apartment features lateral living and entertaining space incorporating two reception rooms and a state of the art kitchen. The lower ground floor comprises of bedroom suites and flexible living space.

**£6,000 Furnished**

*2 large receptions*

*3 bedroom suites*

*5 bathrooms*

*Modern kitchen*

*Private patio*

*Communal gardens*

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# High five

Prime properties from  
Hamptons International



**Trevor Street, SW7**  
**Price On Application**

**What:** An exceptional mid terraced, Grade II-listed period town house.

**Wow factor:** The house has been imaginatively extended under the garden to create a functional and private family living space, offering a tranquil atmosphere in the heart of Central London.

**Extras:** Entrance hall, sitting room, dining room, kitchen, master bedroom suite, three further family bedrooms, two bathrooms (one en-suite), reception room, gym/bedroom five, and shower room.

**Hamptons International, 020 7584 2044**



**Drayton Gardens, SW10**  
**£4,500,000 leasehold (share of freehold)**

**What:** A rare chance to acquire this exceptional four double bedroom lateral penthouse apartment.

**Wow factor:** The living space is very flexible and can also be used as one large open plan area.

**Extras:** Four en-suite bathrooms/shower rooms, secure underground parking, lift access direct to apartment, air conditioning, and two private terraces.

**Hamptons Chelsea, 020 7835 1444**

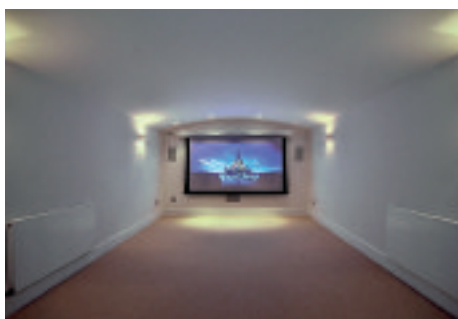


**Balmoral Apartments, W2**  
**Price On Application**

**What:** A spectacular duplex apartment. **Wow factor:** Arranged over two floors, this property features bright and well proportioned rooms throughout, with every room providing a far reaching view across London.

**Extras:** Three bedrooms, two en-suite bathrooms, guest shower room, reception room, fully fitted kitchen, dining room/TV room, two roof terraces, and three allocated underground car parking spaces.

**Hamptons Paddington, 020 7723 0023**



**Cambridge Street, SW1**  
**£4,450,000 freehold**

**What:** A very fine and beautifully modernised five/six bedroom family house.

**Wow factor:** An exceptional refurbishment programme has just been completed to restore the house, ensuring an excellent finish is achieved to combine modern living with period charm.

**Extras:** Two reception rooms, kitchen/dining/family room, staff accommodation, four bathrooms, cinema room, and roof terrace.

**Hamptons Pimlico and Westminster, 020 7834 4771**



**Oakwood Court, W4**  
**£3,250,000 leasehold**

**What:** A substantial four bedroom lateral apartment.

**Wow factor:** Provides many original features combined with well proportioned rooms, impressive ceiling heights and flexible living accommodation throughout.

**Extras:** Entrance hall, kitchen/breakfast room, reception room, master bedroom with en-suite bathroom, second bedroom with en-suite shower room, bathroom, and garden.

**Hamptons Kensington, 020 7937 9371**

# Prime picks

Marsh & Parsons on the best of the area

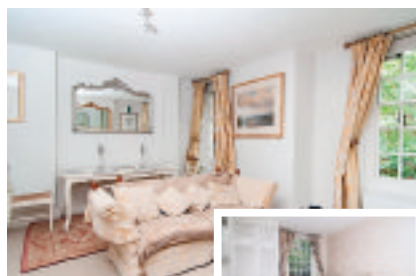
## Maclise House, SW1P £495 per week

**What:** A spacious lateral apartment in a purpose built red brick building.

**Wow factor:** Décor throughout is neutral and has been finished to a high standard.

**Extras:** Two double bedrooms, a large double reception room, separate kitchen with fully fitted appliances, and modern bathroom.

**Marsh & Parsons Pimlico, 020 7828 8100**



## Linden Gardens, W2 £950,000 leasehold

**What:** A magnificent first floor apartment.

**Wow factor:** The property features a balcony and is tucked away in this quiet enclave just off Notting Hill Gate.

**Extras:** One bedroom, high ceilings, period features, mezzanine, and reception room/kitchen.

**Marsh & Parsons, 020 7368 4450**



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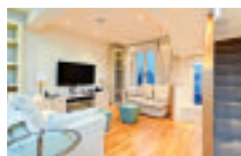
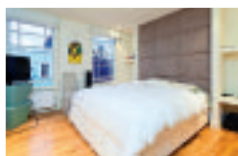


## Farm Place, W8 £1,250 per week

**What:** A modern house located in the popular Hillgate Village area.

**Wow factor:** The property boasts a bright reception room with wooden floors leading out to a decked terrace.

**Extras:** Two double bedrooms both with excellent storage and en-suite bathrooms. **Marsh & Parsons Kensington, 020 7368 4450**



## Why I love Kensington Church Street... Verity Barrett, Senior Letting Manager & Associate Director, Marsh & Parsons

Kensington Church Street is one of the most charming streets in London. With its mix of architecture, boutique style shops, offices and residential properties, there is a wonderful atmosphere and real feeling of community. One of my favourite restaurants is Maggie Jones, which is located on Kensington Church Street – it boasts charm all of its own, from its rustic décor to the house wine served from magnum sized bottles. Every visit is a treat!





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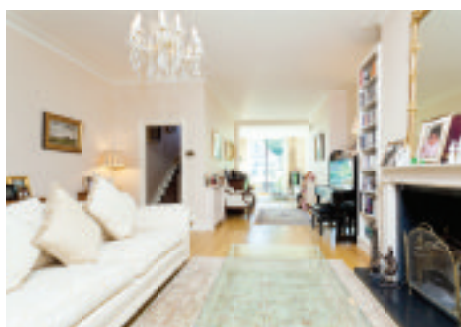
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## Bedford Gardens W8 £5,250,000

This beautifully presented Grade II listed period house features a wonderful double reception room, a lower ground floor kitchen/dining room, a large master bedroom suite, two further double bedrooms and three bathrooms. The property also benefits from a separate artists studio situated at the end of the superb garden. Freehold. **Sole Agents.**

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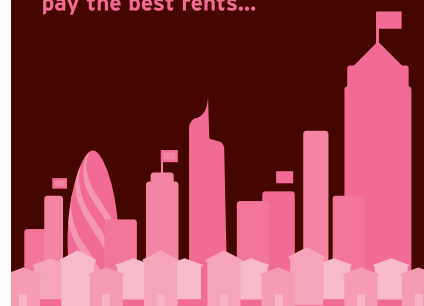
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## The Avenue NW6 £2,850,000

This imposing semi-detached property boasts an exceptionally spacious reception room opening onto the leafy garden, two ground floor reception rooms, a separate kitchen, a huge first floor master bedroom suite, four further double bedrooms and a top floor, studio style reception room. Freehold. **Sole Agents.**

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## Waterford Road SW6 £2,100,000

This superb house comprises a beautiful ground floor reception room, a bright eat-in kitchen leading out to the private patio garden, a further reception room, a study area, a master bedroom with en suite, three further double bedrooms, a shower room and a family bathroom. Freehold. **Sole Agents.**

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## Ebury Street SW1 £1,450,000

This unique property boasts a fantastic open plan kitchen/reception room flooded with natural light, two large double bedrooms (both en suite) and a sunny patio garden. This rare maisonette is situated towards the rear of a period conversion and is exceptionally quiet. Leasehold. **Sole Agents.**

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## Abbotsbury Close W14 £1,375,000

Located in a sought after Holland Park location, this beautiful townhouse comprises a reception room with Juliette balcony, a modern fitted kitchen, a guest/media room with built-in sauna and two double bedrooms both with bathrooms and access to a stunning roof terrace. Freehold. **Sole Agents.**

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### Ennismore Gardens SW7 £1,300 per week

Presented in immaculate condition throughout the apartment boasts a large reception room with separate dining area, a large separate fitted kitchen with additional laundry room and two large double bedrooms both with en suite shower rooms. The apartment further benefits from a private patio.

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### Portland Road W11 £795 per week

This cleverly designed, split level maisonette provides practical living space arranged over two floors. The apartment is flooded with natural light and comprises a modern kitchen, a spacious reception/dining room, two large double bedrooms, both with excellent storage and a modern bathroom suite.

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### Vauxhall Bridge Road SW1 £625 per week

Located a short walk from Victoria station, this contemporary apartment comprises a modern open plan kitchen/reception room with access to a balcony, two generous double bedrooms (one with en suite shower room) and a separate bathroom. Benefits include portering, gym and private parking.

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### Airlie Gardens W8 £465 per week

This charming apartment is ideally located for the amenities of Kensington High Street and Notting Hill Gate. Neutral and bright throughout, this spacious one bedroom flat enjoys a large reception room, separate fully fitted kitchen, a good size double bedroom with excellent storage and a private patio.

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**Clarendon Road W11**  
£11,750,000



**Argyll Road W8**  
£6,800,000



**Albert Court SW7**  
£6,500,000



**Kensington Park Rd W11**  
£3,950,000



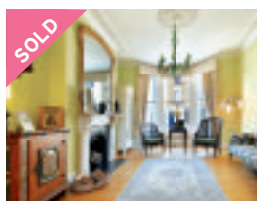
**Moore Street SW3**  
£3,525,000



**Walton Street SW3**  
£2,950,000



**Kempson Road SW6**  
£2,695,000



**Kempson Road SW6**  
£2,500,000



**Edith Grove SW10**  
£2,495,000



**Abingdon Road W8**  
£2,000,000

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**Phillimore Place W8**  
£1,800,000



**Wallingford Avenue W10**  
£1,750,000



**Highlever Road W10**  
£1,475,000



**Waterford Road SW6**  
£1,450,000



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**Wardo Avenue SW6**  
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**St. Albans Mansions W8**  
£3,500,000



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£2,995,000



**Admiral Square SW10**  
£2,950,000



**Upper Belgrave St SW1**  
£2,750,000



**Kensington Place W8**  
£2,750,000



**Randolph Road W9**  
£1,999,950



**Sutherland Street SW1**  
£1,995,000



**Highlever Road W10**  
£1,950,000



**Carlton Mansions W14**  
£1,950,000



**Musgrave Crescent SW6**  
£1,900,000



No watering down the price of this 4 bedroom house on the Moore Park Estate in Waterford Road. Viewings came flooding in. Fifty two, in four days. With sealed bids from 12 interested parties.

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**Ponsonby Terrace SW1**  
£1,695,000



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£1,595,000



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£1,550,000



**Highlever Road W10**  
£1,500,000



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**Beltran Road SW6**  
£1,165,000



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**Portland Road W11**  
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**Stafford Mansions SW1**  
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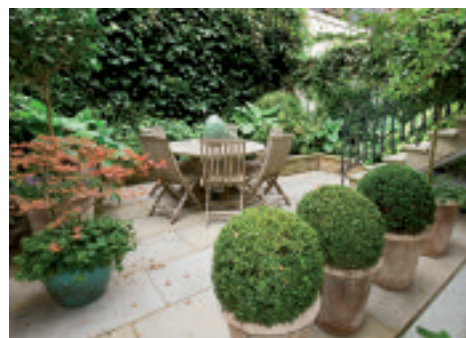
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## Split Level Apartment Redcliffe Road, Chelsea SW10

A beautiful and immaculately presented two bedroom raised ground and lower ground floor maisonette (102 sq m/1,100 sq ft approx.) with a large patio garden. Redcliffe Road is a cherry-lined road running north off the Fulham Road and the popular area known as "The Beach" with its eclectic array of shops and restaurants. 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms (1 en suite), reception room, dining room, kitchen, patio, kitchen.

Leasehold £1,695,000

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## Period House Garden Square, South Kensington SW7

A substantial period house (442.7 sq.m/4,776 sq ft approx.) retaining many original features and providing ample space for family orientated accommodation arranged over six floors. Occupying an enviable position in this fine Garden Square close to Knightsbridge, South Kensington and Chelsea which is conveniently placed for the tube. 6 bedrooms, 6 bathrooms, 5 reception rooms, private garden, access to communal gardens.

Freehold £6,750,000

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## Superb Roof Terrace Marloes Road, Kensington W8

A superb light and spacious apartment (90 sq m/963 sq ft approx.) situated within a handsome and well maintained Victorian building in the heart of the Royal Borough. This impressive property offers comfortable and quiet living and entertaining space over the top two floors including a marvellous roof terrace, dining area and excellent storage. 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, reception room, kitchen, roof terrace.

Share of freehold £1,295,000

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## Unique Freehold Hillsleigh Road, Kensington W8

A beautiful and unique, low built freehold home (94 sq m/1,014 sq ft approx.) exceptionally well located in a tranquil and desirable Kensington location. Flooded with natural light, this handsome property offers spacious living and entertaining areas over two floors including a master bedroom with additional dressing area and Juliette balcony. 2 bedrooms, bathroom, double reception room, kitchen/dining room, access to garden square.

Freehold £2,000,000

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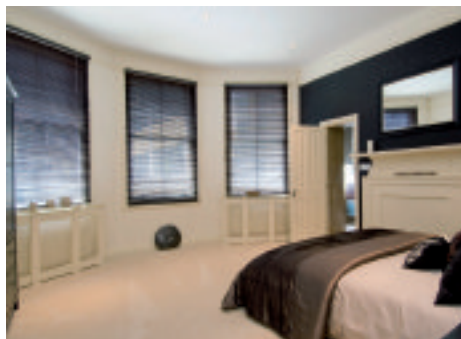


## Lateral Living Zetland House, Kensington W8

A fabulous lateral flat in this grand Victorian block with hard wooden floors throughout, amazing high ceilings and has been recently refurbished to the highest standard. Situated in the heart of Kensington just a stone's throw from all the shops, restaurant and transport amenities of High Street Kensington (Circle & District lines). 4 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms, reception room, dining room, kitchen/breakfast room, porter, lift.

Furnished/Part Furnished £2,000 pw

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## Favoured Block Kensington Court, Kensington W8

A contemporary styled first floor lateral flat (105 sq m/1,130 sq ft approx.) finished to a high standard with particular attention to detail. Ideally situated opposite Palace Gardens providing immediate access to Kensington High Street for all the shops, restaurants and transport facilities (Circle & District lines). 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms (1 en suite), reception room, kitchen.

Furnished/Unfurnished £995 pw

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**Typical client:** We represent clients of all nationalities with budgets from around £700,000 to over £20 million. We act for many British clients, including busy City professionals and different generations of the same families as well as members of the entertainment industry.

**Area covered:** London, and a separate department handles country searches.

**Additional services:** We prepare an in-depth due diligence report after the offer has been accepted but before exchange. Two of our team members speak French, one is bilingual in Italian and another in Spanish.

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**Head of Agency:**

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**Additional Services:**

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**Fastest Find:** In today's changing market it is about securing the right property at the right price.

**Most Challenging Request:** Sourcing good properties at the right price. There is a shortage of stock on the market, we are seeing prices rise, with good properties going to "best bids". The key is to secure the best properties for our clients.

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**Head of Agency:**

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**Area Covered:** We cover all of central London and have particular expertise in finding off market investment properties in prime central London

**Additional Services:** We are able to provide advise on matters as diverse as structural soundness, tax efficiency through to interior design.

**Fastest Find:** Instructed on a Thursday and by 2pm on Saturday we had concluded the purchase. The vendor was known to us, as was the agent.

**Most Challenging Request:** To find a large flat that would allow my client and their two elderly bulldogs to move to.

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### Redcliffe Square, SW10 £1,000 per week

**What:** Excellent raised ground floor flat.

**Wow factor:** The property boasts beautiful proportions and wood floors throughout.

**Extras:** Two bedrooms, two bathrooms, reception room, and kitchen/breakfast room.

Plaza Estates, 020 7596 6999

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## Douglas & Gordon's Christmas present

Douglas & Gordon once again took to the streets on 1 December for the second annual D&G Charity Day in aid of Kids Company. Over 350 boxes were filled across the company's 18 offices, weighing over eight tonnes, with over 1,000 gifts and over 8,450 items of food to create Christmas hampers for London's vulnerable children. As well as food and toys, Douglas & Gordon collected over £8,500 from generous donors within Douglas & Gordon territory.



## Clarendon Place, W2

£3,500 per week

**What:** Wonderful family house of quality rarely available for rent.

**Wow factor:** Arranged over two floors, it has been refurbished to an excellent standard and has a brand new kitchen and bathrooms.

**Extras:** Four bedrooms, three bathrooms, cloakroom, two reception rooms, roof terrace, and integral garage.

Plaza Estates, 020 7724 3100

## Market Comment

### Debra Stroud, Chesterton Humberts Belgravia & Knightsbridge The Phoney Recession

The recession of 2011 may not seem that phoney to many people outside Prime Central London, but strip away the drama from push-button reporting and a huge dichotomy in the property world will be revealed. 2011 has undoubtedly been dogged by appalling Macro and Micro economic news. The recession is putting real pressure on many unfortunates lacking the cushioning effect of The Bank of Mum & Dad or City based salaries. Financial Institutions are imposing tougher lending criteria, making it almost impossible for people to buy. As a result, rents are rising. It is a cruel and frustrating web for people wanting to take advantage of low interest rates in order to get onto the property ladder.

In contrast, the Prime Central Market is thriving. The recession in Belgravia and Knightsbridge can seem to be a long way away. Values for quality flats have risen by more than 12% in a year with houses following behind at around 8%. Statistics show that from 2008 to 2010 the number of new UK £5m+aires has risen by 19%. Most of these will target property as an asset class, and much of that will be in Knightsbridge & Belgravia. Against this, transaction levels since 2007 have dropped by 34% in Prime Central London, probably due to lack of supply.

As for 2012, it is likely that the European demand will run out of momentum, but the world is so much bigger than Europe and much of the world still sees Knightsbridge and Belgravia as a relatively safe haven and a wonderful place to live. .

Chesterton Humberts, 020 7235 8090





## Courtfield Gardens, SW5

A stunning first floor flat, beautifully refurbished with terrace over looking the garden square

**£1,350,000**

Share of freehold



- One bedroom
- First floor
- Open plan reception
- Private terrace
- Recently refurbished
- Gloucester Road underground

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## Bolton Gardens, SW5

A three bedroom split level apartment with access to a private garden square in Kensington

£2,575,000

Share of freehold



- Three bedrooms
- Three bathrooms
- High ceilings
- Access to garden square
- Gallery study/dining room
- Gloucester Road underground

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## Roland Gardens, SW7

A two bedroom flat finished to a high standard off Old Brompton Road

£1,450,000

Share of freehold



- Two bedrooms
- Under floor heating & air conditioning
- High quality refurbishment
- Wood floors
- Third floor
- Gloucester Road underground

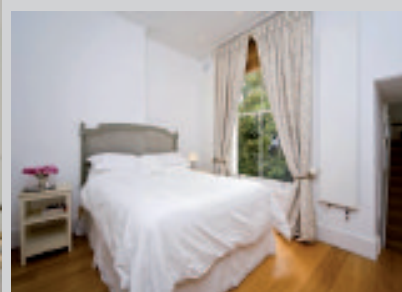
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## Longridge Road, SW5

A fabulous first floor flat with high ceilings and private terrace in Earls Court

£1,100,000  
Leasehold



- First floor flat
- High ceilings
- Open plan reception
- Private terrace
- Recently refurbished
- Earls Court underground

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## Holyport Road, SW6

Refurbished four double bedroom house with a private garden in the Crabtree Estate in Fulham

£835,000  
Freehold



- Four double bedrooms
- Two bathrooms (one ensuite)
- Two living rooms with wood floors
- Modern kitchen with dining area
- Private garden
- Hammersmith underground

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## Carlyle Court, SW10

A spacious two bedroom flat in a sought after riverside development in Chelsea



£775,000 Leasehold

- Two bedrooms
- Two bathrooms
- Porter
- Private terrace
- Underground parking
- Fulham Broadway underground

South Kensington & Chelsea sales 020 7373 8883

## Harwood Road, SW6

Three double bedroom duplex flat over three floors with a private roof terrace in Fulham Broadway



£750,000 Leasehold

- Three double bedrooms
- Two bathrooms (one en suite)
- Living room with a dining area
- Three floors
- Private roof terrace
- Fulham Broadway underground

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## Lizmans Terrace, W8

One double bedroom flat with a private garden close to Kensington High Street



£595,000 Share of freehold

- Semi open plan kitchen
- Raised ground floor
- Living room with space for dining
- Garden accessed from bedroom
- High ceilings
- Earls Court underground

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## Gwendwr Road, W14

A recently refurbished two bedroom flat with outside space in West Kensington



£429,950 Leasehold

- Two bedrooms
- Recently refurbished
- Private balcony
- Open plan kitchen
- Period conversion
- West Kensington underground

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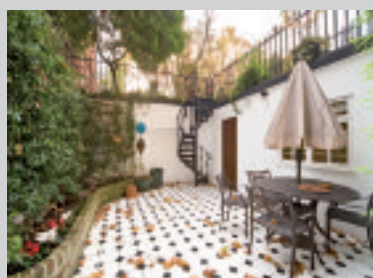
Courtfield Road, SW7

A spacious and contemporary three bedroom duplex with direct communal garden access in South Kensington

£2,250 p/w  
Furnished



- Three bedrooms
- Two bathrooms
- Separate kitchen
- Wood floors and high ceilings
- Private patio
- Gloucester Road underground





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## Dove Mews, SW5

Three bedroom house with a private roof terrace in South Kensington

£1,200 p/w

Furnished/Unfurnished



- Three double bedrooms
- Spacious living room with dining area
- Large roof terrace
- Two bathrooms
- Arranged over three floors
- Gloucester Road underground

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## Ringmer Avenue, SW6

Four double bedroom family house with a private garden in Munster Village

£1,100 p/w

Unfurnished



- Four double bedrooms
- Separate kitchen
- Double reception room
- Three floors plus cellar
- Private garden and private balcony
- Parsons Green underground

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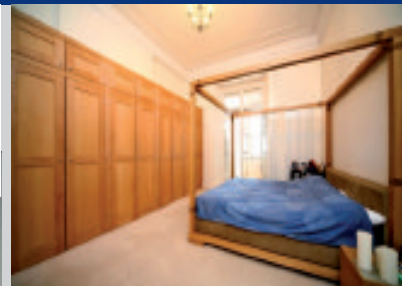
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## Onslow Gardens, SW7

One bedroom first floor with private terrace  
in South Kensington

£925 p/w  
Furnished



- One bedroom flat
- Large living room with dining area
- Separate kitchen
- First floor of conversion
- Private terrace
- South Kensington underground

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## Redcliffe Gardens, SW10

Two double bedroom, two bathroom split level flat  
on the Chelsea borders

£625 p/w  
Part furnished



- Victorian conversion
- Bedrooms with storage
- Ground and lower ground floor
- Separate kitchen
- Living room with wood floors
- Earls Court underground

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## Musgrave Crescent, SW6

Recently refurbished four bedroom house in the Moore Park Estate opposite Eel Brook Common



**£1,050 p/w** Furnished/unfurnished

- Four double bedrooms
- Three bathrooms
- Double reception room
- Separate kitchen
- Views overlooking Eel Brook Common
- Fulham Broadway underground

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## Atalanta Street, SW6

Four double bedroom house with a private garden in Munster Village



**£900 p/w** Unfurnished

- Four double bedrooms
- Recently refurbished
- Double reception room
- Separate dining area
- Private lawned garden
- Parsons Green underground

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## Roland Gardens, SW7

Completely refurbished and stylish two bedroom flat in South Kensington



**£1,095 p/w** Unfurnished

- Two double bedrooms
- Two bathrooms
- Wood floors
- First floor of conversion
- High ceilings
- South Kensington underground

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## Hinde House, W1U

One bedroom flat just off Manchester Square and north of Oxford Street



**£625 p/w** Unfurnished

- One double bedroom
- Wood floors
- Separate kitchen
- Mansion building
- Fitted wardrobes in the bedroom
- Bond Street underground

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## Warwick Square, SW1V

A well proportioned one bedroom flat within a Victorian town house on the Pimlico Grid



**£410 p/w** Furnished

- One bedroom
- Separate kitchen
- Spacious living room
- Second floor of conversion
- Views over gardens
- Pimlico Underground

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## Ennismore Gardens, Knightsbridge SW7

“This has been completed to a high finish and is ready for immediate occupation. Situated on the second floor this two bedroom flat (907 sq ft / 84.26 sq m) is bright and has the use of a delightful private roof terrace. Ennismore Gardens sits between Hyde Park and The Brompton Road and is a prime Knightsbridge address.”

- 2 bedrooms
- Reception room
- Bathroom
- Kitchen

**Leasehold 106 years remaining, guide price £2,750,000**

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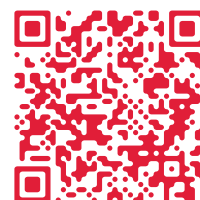
## Oswald Building, Chelsea Bridge Wharf, Battersea SW8

“A bright eighth and ninth floor duplex two bedroom apartment, offering an open-plan reception room leading onto a terrace overlooking the communal gardens. The Chelsea Bridge Wharf development is next to the River Thames and Battersea Park, within 10 minutes walk of Sloane Square and King's Road.”

- 2 bedrooms
- 2 bathrooms
- Roof terrace
- Lift
- Porter
- Communal gardens

**Leasehold 987 years remaining, guide price £1,100,000**

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Kitchen/dining room • Sitting room • Master bedroom with walk-in  
wardrobe and en-suite bathroom • Two bedrooms and family bathroom  
Patio garden • 2,311 sq ft / 215 sq m

**Guide Price £2,950,000**

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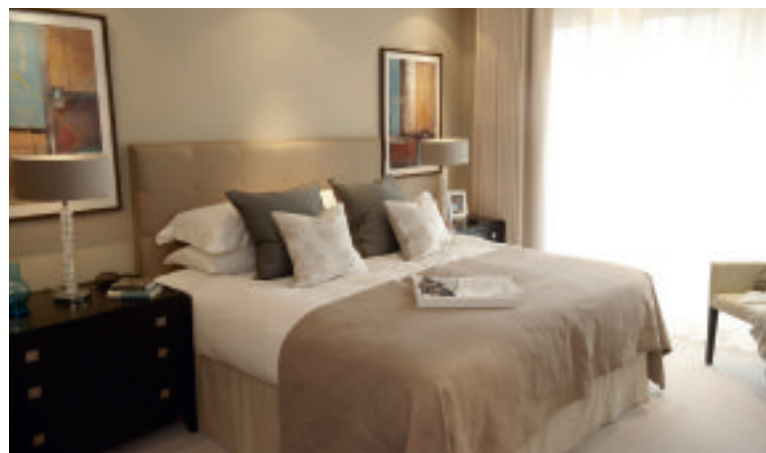
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## Kensington Church Street, Notting Hill W8

Fantastic new development providing light and spacious accommodation benefiting from porter and lift.

Situated on Kensington Church Street in Notting Hill, these apartments are a stones throw away from public transport, shops, bars and restaurants • Only six apartments left • Indoor car parking spaces are available by separate negotiation

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Share of Freehold

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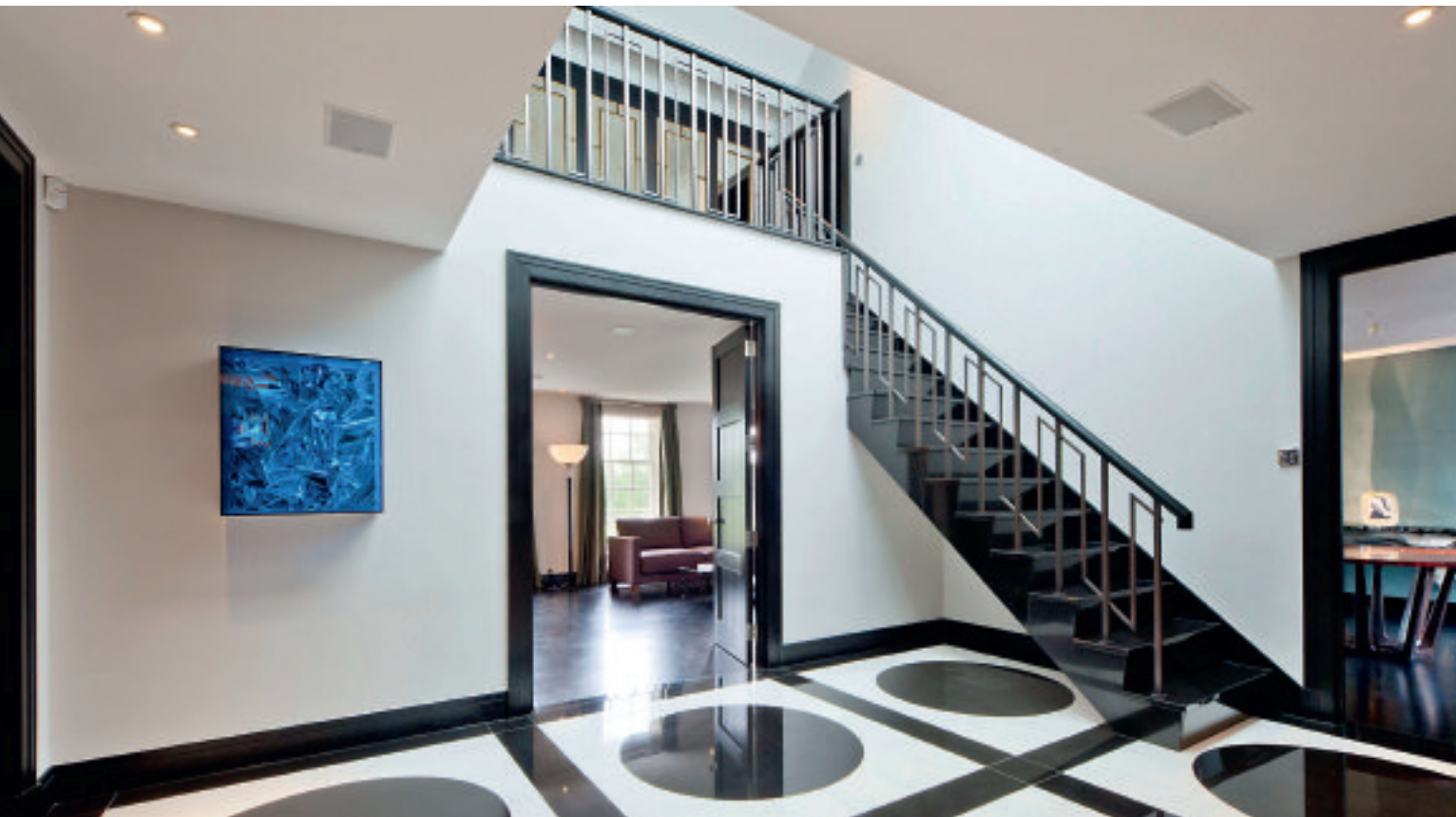
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## Lowndes Square, Knightsbridge SW1

A spectacular penthouse apartment overlooking the gardens of one of London's finest addresses.

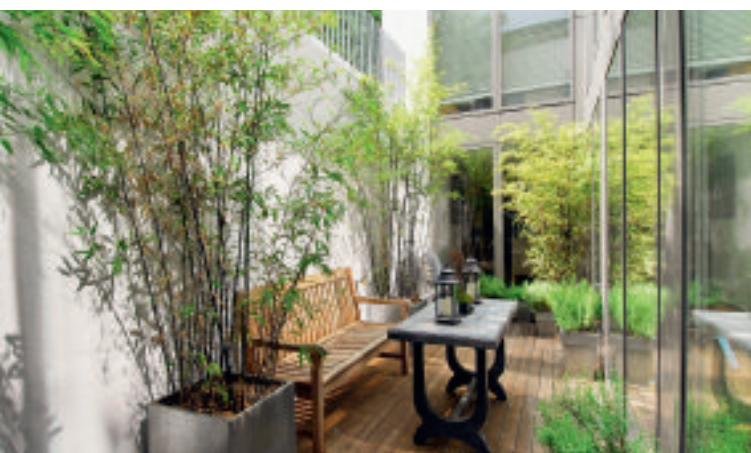
Five bedrooms • Double reception room • Dining room • Media room  
Lift • Two parking spaces in the building available by separate negotiation  
3,740 sq ft / 347.4 sq m

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## KINGS ROAD, SW3

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527 sq ft / 48.96 sq m

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Leasehold



## FINBOROUGH ROAD, SW10

This 2 double bedroom flat is approached via its own street entrance and has the benefit of a private garden to the rear.  
768 sq ft / 71.35 sq m

£625,000

Share of freehold



## IFIELD ROAD, SW10

An imaginatively designed 2 bedroom maisonette with the advantage of uncompromised living space.  
912 sq ft / 84.72 sq m

£895,000

Leasehold



## ELM PARK GARDENS, SW10

This well presented and uncompromised 2 double bedroom, 2 bathroom flat benefits from great natural light.  
985 sq ft / 92 sq m

£1,300,000

Leasehold



## EDITH GROVE, SW10

A well proportioned and light second floor 2 bedroom flat in Chelsea.  
637 sq ft / 59.25 sq m

£599,950

Share of Freehold



## BILLING PLACE, SW10

This charming period cottage is situated in a highly sought after, quiet and very attractive enclave, a real rarity in Central London.  
975 sq ft / 90.58 sq m

Offers in excess of £1,175,000  
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**COURTFIELD ROAD, SW7**

A substantial lower ground floor 2/3 bedroom property in this well managed mid terraced Victorian building.  
1,367 sq ft / 126.99 sq m

**£1,395,000**

**Share of  
freehold**



**REDCLIFFE SQUARE, SW10**

A charming and well presented 2 bedroom lower ground floor flat in this very popular square.  
1,608 sq ft / 149 sq m

**£1,500,000**

**Leasehold**



**IFIELD ROAD, SW10**

A spacious 1 bedroom first floor flat in a mid terrace property on Ifield Road.  
479 sq ft / 44.50 sq m

**£420,000**

**Share of  
Freehold**



**REDCLIFFE ROAD, SW10**

This 3 bedroom flat would make an excellent central London home and is situated in one of Chelsea's premier streets.  
1,197 sq ft / 111 sq m

**£1,745,000**

**Share of  
freehold**



**BEAUFORT STREET, SW3**

A well proportioned second floor three bedroom flat situated at the southern end of Beaufort Street.  
964 sq ft / 89.56 sq m

**£925,000**

**Share of  
Freehold**



**DRAYTON GARDENS, SW10**

A lovely, recently refurbished contemporary 3 bedroom ground floor apartment in this popular mansion building.  
1,186 sq ft / 110.18 sq m

**1,625,000**

**Leasehold**

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### BILLING PLACE, SW10

Available to rent is this charming and delightful house which is arranged over three floors with access to a pretty garden and the added benefit of off street parking. Comprising a spacious reception room with access to a terrace, a kitchen/breakfast room, master bedroom with en-suite bathroom and an additional bedroom/study.

**£695**  
per week  
**Unfurnished**



### SLAIDBURN STREET, SW10

Having been refurbished throughout to a superb standard offering very contemporary and modern accommodation, is this fantastic three bedroom house on this quiet street just off the Kings Road. The property also boasts great storage space and has an amazing roof terrace.

**£1200**  
per week  
**Furnished/  
Unfurnished**



### EARL'S COURT SQUARE, SW5

A charming five bedroom family house situated on a beautiful garden square which offers excellent spacious accommodation. The house also comprises a lovely reception room, an eat-in kitchen and access to the pristine communal gardens.

**£2250**  
per week  
**Unfurnished**



### TREGUNTER ROAD, SW10

An outstanding and recently refurbished raised ground and lower ground floor four bedroom duplex apartment. Forming part of this attractive period building the apartment has an elegant double reception room, a kitchen/breakfast room, two bathrooms, a cloakroom and a beautiful extensive garden.

**£2600**  
per week  
**Unfurnished**

LET & MANAGED



## PARK WALK, SW10

A lovely light and bright one/two bedroom flat situated in this popular mansion building with a caretaker. The flat is extremely well presented, has wood floors throughout and is quietly located just off the Fulham Road. The second bedroom is currently used as a study.

**£465**  
per week  
**Furnished**

LET



## REDCLIFFE GARDENS, SW10

A light and spacious garden flat in a period conversion with the benefit of a 70ft garden. A spacious reception with doors leading to the beautiful garden, a conservatory area which is ideal for dining, a fully fitted kitchen and a large double bedroom with french windows onto the garden and a fully fitted bathroom.

**£525**  
per week  
**Furnished**

LET



## OAKLEY STREET, SW3

A lovely two bedroom apartment, within a portered building, which has been newly refurbished throughout with lovely river views and a south facing balcony. Bright reception room with space for dining, a fully fitted kitchen, master bedroom with en suite bathroom, second double bedroom, shower room.

**£895**  
per week  
**Furnished**



## COLEHERNE ROAD, SW10

A superb three double bedroom, two bathroom duplex apartment situated on the second and third floors of this recently refurbished period building. The voluminous open plan kitchen and reception has a fantastic high ceiling with exposed beams and the apartment has beautiful wood floors and lots of natural light throughout.

**£1150**  
per week  
**Unfurnished**





CANNING PLACE MEWS, W8

This charming first floor two bedroom flat is situated in a pretty mews development which is ideally located for the shops and restaurants of Gloucester Road. The flat has a good size kitchen / dining room, reception room, bathroom and there is a garage available by separate negotiation.

£600 per week

Furnished



SLOANE COURT EAST, SW3

A stunning at meticulously refurbished two bedroom ground floor maisonette featuring an elegant west facing drawing room opening directly onto the communal gardens. This flat has been beautifully decorated and furnished in an elegant contemporary style with excellent bathrooms and a modern white kitchen with breakfast area as well as being wired for audio/video/data and telephone communications. It is conveniently located close to Sloane Square Underground, local shops and restaurants.

£1850 per week

Furnished



MONTPELIER WALK, SW7

Fabulous house finished to the highest of standards with walnut wood floors on the ground floor, excellent fully fitted kitchen/dining room and two well-proportioned bedrooms along with third bedroom/study. The house is in superb condition and would make a wonderful contemporary Knightsbridge home which has the added benefit of a garage.

£1450 per week

Unfurnished



ONSLow SQUARE, SW7

A well planned third floor flat with a lift and fabulous views over Onslow Square gardens to which there is access to and also use of the tennis court. The property has been designed by its Italian owner with good taste and has excellent storage, a kitchen/breakfast room, two large double bedrooms along with a third bedroom and two bathrooms. The property is available immediately and has the added benefit of a caretaker.

£1695 per week

Furnished / Unfurnished / Part





# Lettings Directory

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This year has the ingredients to be a very good year for letting properties in central London particularly as Olympic fever hits the capital.

Demand is set to increase hugely as visitors soar into London over the summer to witness first hand one of the worlds greatest sporting event.

Rents will be high and potentially attractive to landlords although there will be a lot of work involved in presenting the property to the right standard and there is the possibility of costly void periods before and after the Games, all of which need to be carefully factored into the decision.

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Woodsford Square, W14  
House let in December 2011



Campden Hill Square, W8  
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Price on application





**Campden Hill Road, W8**  
£2,250 per week - Unfurnished

- 4 bedrooms
- 4 en suite bathrooms
- Garden
- Underground parking
- Newly refurbished

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**Woodsford Square, W14**  
£1,950 per week - Unfurnished

- 5 bedrooms
- 3 bathrooms
- Garden
- Off street parking
- Great entertaining space

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**Hornton Street, W8**  
£1,250 per week - Unfurnished

- 3 bedrooms
- 3 bathrooms
- Communal gardens
- Elegant retaining original features
- Recently refurbished

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**Linden Gardens, W2**  
£650 per week

- High Ceilings
- Recently refurbished
- Original period features
- Stunning first floor apartment

Notting Hill Office  
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**Princedale Road, W11**  
£785 per week

- Flooded with natural light
- Excellent storage facilities
- Two double bedrooms
- Wooden floors throughout
- Split level apartment

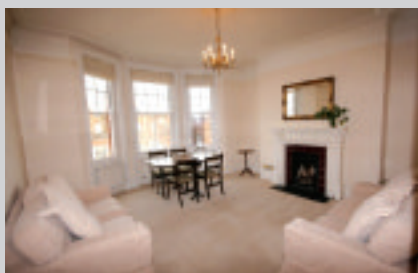
Holland Park Office  
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**Hans Road, SW3**  
£1,495 per week

- Stunning two bedroom apartment
- Immaculately presented
- Recently refurbished to a high standard
- Modern fitted kitchen

Chelsea Office  
020 7591 5570  
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**Ilchester Mansions, W8**  
£765 per week - Furnished / Unfurnished

- Three bedrooms
- Reception room
- Large fully fitted eat in kitchen
- Two bathrooms
- Neutrally decorated throughout

Kensington Office  
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**Cheyne Court, SW3**  
£1,500 per week - Unfurnished

- Four bedrooms
- Reception room
- Spacious fully fitted kitchen with dining area
- Two bathrooms
- Porter

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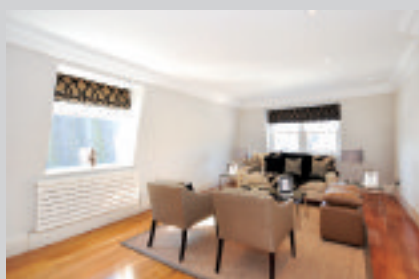


**Cheniston Gardens, W8**  
£550 per week - Furnished / Unfurnished

- Double bedroom with fitted wardrobes
- Large reception room
- Fully fitted eat-in kitchen
- Bathroom
- Great storage

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Cadogan Square, SW1X  
£2,950 per week

- Reception room
- Dining room
- Four bedrooms
- Roof terrace
- Lift

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Lennox Gardens, SW1X  
£595 per week

- Reception room
- Kitchen
- Bedroom
- Bathroom
- Patio garden

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Lensbury Avenue, SW6  
£2,750 per week

- Double reception room
- Three bedrooms
- Terrace
- Parking
- Unfurnished

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Albert Court, SW7  
£3,500 per week

- Double reception
- Kitchen
- Three bedrooms
- Porter
- Lift

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Princes Gate Mews, W11  
£2,350 per week

- Reception room
- Kitchen
- Three bedrooms en suite
- Study
- Roof terrace
- Garage

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South Terrace, SW7  
£5,750 per week - Unfurnished

- Three reception rooms
- Kitchen
- Six bedrooms
- Four bath / shower rooms
- Garden

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### OLD BROMPTON ROAD, SW5

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£950,000 Leasehold 020 7835 1577 earlsct@faronsutaria.co.uk



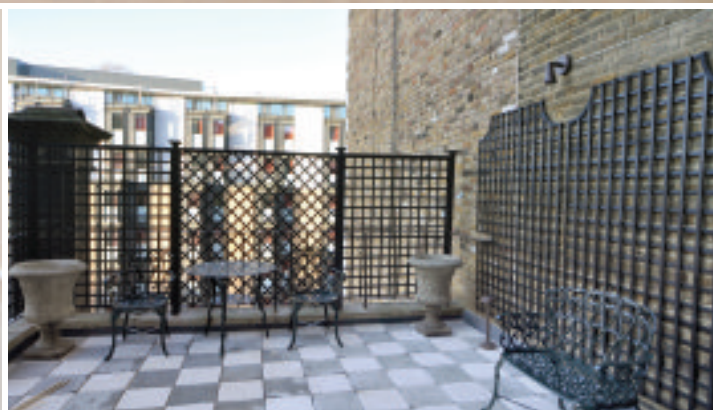
### LEXHAM GARDENS, W8

2<sup>nd</sup> floor apartment with a master suite with en suite shower and walk-in wardrobes. Approx. 773 sq ft. 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, reception room.

£900,000 Leasehold 020 7835 1577 earlsct@faronsutaria.co.uk







### ENNISMORE GARDENS, SW7

Immaculately presented 2<sup>nd</sup> floor flat located in a popular garden square in Knightsbridge.  
2 bedrooms, bathroom, modern fitted kitchen with Versace tiling, west facing terrace.

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### TAMWORTH STREET, SW6

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## CRANLEY MEWS, SW7

Contemporary mews house offering comfortable and practical accommodation in a popular South Kensington mews.

Double reception with fully fitted open-plan kitchen, 3 bedrooms, bathroom, en-suite shower room.

**£1,650 per week Furnished**

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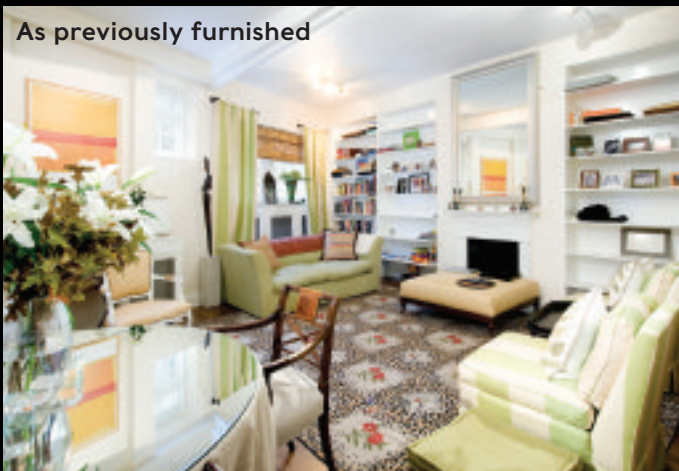
## LADBROKE SQUARE, W11

A newly refurbished duplex apartment that benefits from high ceilings, north and south aspects and desirable outside space.

Reception room, kitchen, 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, study/bedroom 3, balcony, terrace. access to communal gardens.

**£1,450 per week Un/Furnished**

Hyde Park Office 020 7479 1999



As previously furnished

## DOVE MEWS, SW5

A stunning, spacious (1233 sq ft) and bright mews house topped off with a phenomenal roof terrace.

Reception room, kitchen/breakfast room, 3 double bedrooms, 2 bathrooms (1 en-suite), sun room leading to large roof terrace.

**£1,200 per week Unfurnished**

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## WARWICK SQUARE MEWS, SW1

Newly renovated two bedroom house in a private Pimlico mews. Superb condition, extremely bright with high vaulted ceilings.

Reception, kitchen, 2 double bedrooms, en-suite bathroom, en-suite shower room, balcony. Private mews parking.

**£895 per week Unfurnished**

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## PEMBRIDGE MEWS, W11

A wonderfully bright house in Notting Hill's very best mews street. The house has an excellent layout with the convenience of a garage as well as a patio area to the rear.

Reception room, kitchen, 2 double bedrooms, en-suite bathroom, shower room, garage and rear patio.

**FH £1,850,000 STC**

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## LEXHAM MEWS, W8

Presented in excellent condition, a charming freehold mews house with a lovely bright first floor reception room.

Reception room with open plan kitchen, bedroom, bathroom, second bedroom/study with en-suite cloakroom.

**FH £825,000 STC**

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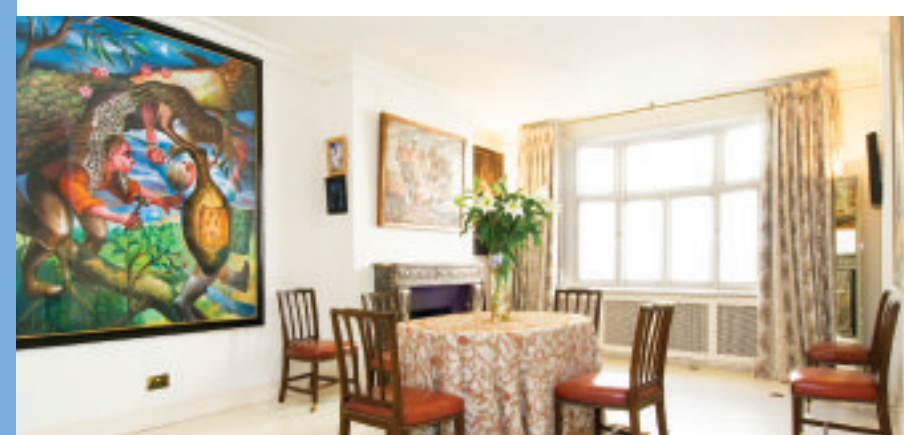


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## CHESTERFIELD HILL, MAYFAIR, LONDON W1

Situated in the heart of Mayfair, Chesterfield Hill runs from Charles Street to Farm Street. This grand yet comfortable period townhouse comprises some 4,722 sq.ft. and has one of the most attractive facades amongst a diversity of architectural styles, building having commenced in the 1740's. This elegant property also benefits from a passenger lift, a separate staff staircase between the ground and first floors, a conservatory, and balcony.



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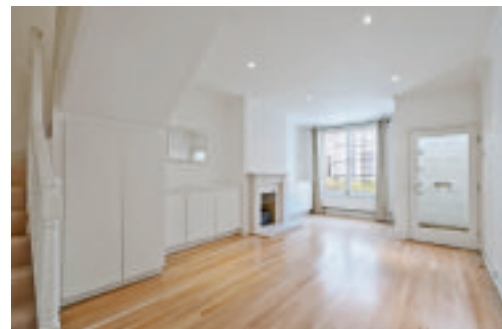
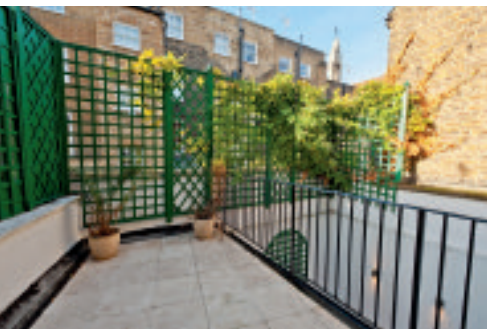
**Accommodation:** Entrance hall, drawing room, dining room, study, conservatory, kitchen/breakfast room, guest cloakroom, master bedroom with en suite bathroom, dressing room, guest bedroom with en suite bathroom, two further bedrooms and family bathroom. **Separate staff quarters:** Sitting room, kitchen, bedroom and en suite bathroom.

**Price: £9,950,000**

There is also a secure garage available nearby at £125,000 (leasehold)

**Freehold**





## Clabon Mews, Knightsbridge SW1 2310 sq ft / 214 sq m

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• 3 Bedrooms • 3 Bathrooms • 2 Reception rooms • Kitchen Breakfast room • Patio • Terrace • Garage

**Freehold £4,750,000**

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## Montpelier Place, Knightsbridge SW7

3155 sq ft / 293 sq m

**A unique and very special double house in the heart of Knightsbridge**

- Entrance hall • Double Reception room • Study • TV/Family room • Dining room • Kitchen • Cloakroom • Cloakroom/Shower room
- Master Bedroom with an ensuite Bathroom • 4 further Bedrooms • 2 further Bathrooms • Shower room • Roof Garden

**Freehold £8,250,000**

**SOLE AGENT**

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## Elvaston Place SW7

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Guide price £10,500,000 freehold

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### Balnel Gate SW1

This beautiful house, close to the River Thames, is well proportioned and presented throughout. Balnel Gate is on the popular westerly side of Lindsay Square and is a hugely sought after address, close to the Houses of Parliament and the various transport links of Pimlico and Victoria. The property further benefits from its own internal garage, a patio garden and direct access to a stunning central garden square

2 reception rooms | dining room | 5 bedrooms (3 en suite) | 1 further bathroom | kitchen | 24 hr portage | attic | private parking space | integral garage | communal gardens | 2 balconies | private patio garden

Price on application. Freehold







### Cornwall Gardens SW7

This is a superb, modern and very spacious maisonette (approx. 2,042 sq ft) which is finished to the highest specification, boasting wood flooring throughout, Apple TV, electric blinds and Lutron lighting. This stunning apartment boasts a private terrace and direct access to the communal gardens. Cornwall Gardens is situated in the heart of South Kensington moments from the fabulous shops and restaurants that the area has to offer

2 reception rooms | 4 bedrooms (en suite) | further bathroom | kitchen | study | guest cloakroom | gym | terrace | communal gardens

£6,000 per week furnished/unfurnished





## Harrogate House SW1W

A newly refurbished spacious apartment on the third floor (with lift) of this period building. The property has one large double bedroom with en suite bathroom and dressing area, plus two further good size double bedrooms, with excellent fitted storage throughout. The reception room is light and bright with views over Duke of York Square

reception room | main bedroom (en suite) with dressing area | 2 further double bedrooms | 1 further bathroom | kitchen | lift | access to communal gardens (by separate negotiation)

£1,300 per week unfurnished





# PLAZA

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## WILTON PLACE, SW1

A very attractive Grade II Listed Georgian town house which offers seven bedrooms in total, and is currently arranged as a five bedroom upper maisonette over five floors and a separate two bedroom lower ground floor apartment. Situated at the sought after end of Wilton Place close to Wilton Crescent, the property is located between Belgrave Square and Hyde Park.

2 Reception Rooms, Drawing Room, 7 Bedrooms, 4 Bathrooms (1 En-suite), Shower Room, Cloakroom, Fitted Kitchen/Breakfast Room, Utility Room, Garden, Roof Terrace, Patio.

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**£5,750,000 FREEHOLD AVAILABLE £1,800,000**

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### LOWNDES SQUARE, SW1

A well maintained two bedroom apartment extending to 1190 sq ft, on the third floor of this first class building on the south side of this famous Knightsbridge garden square. Lowndes Court provides 24 hour security and has an impressive communal entrance, lift and use of the communal gardens and underground parking space. Located in the heart of Knightsbridge, a short walk to Belgravia.

Reception Room, 2 Bedrooms, 2 Bathrooms (1 En-suite), Fitted Kitchen, Lift, 24 Hour Portage, Underground Parking Space, Communal Gardens.

**SHARE OF FREEHOLD**

**£4,000,000**



# PLAZA estates



## LANCASTER GATE , W2

Extremely spacious five bedroom apartment on the second floor of this excellent block overlooking Hyde Park.

5 Bedrooms, 4 Bathrooms, Cloakroom, Reception Room, Kitchen, Lift, Underground Parking.

**£1495 PER WEEK**



## HOMER STREET , W1

Lovely, brand newly refurbished, one bedroom flat on the lower ground floor of an older style conversion.

Bedroom, Bathroom, Reception Room, Kitchen.

**£450 PER WEEK**



## GEORGE STREET, W1

Spacious and extremely bright three bedroom apartment on the fifth floor of this prestigious purpose built block with excellent twenty four hour security.

3 Bedrooms, 3 Bathrooms, Reception Room, Kitchen, Lift.

**£1500 PER WEEK**



### **KNIGHTSBRIDGE , SW3**

Stunning, 3rd floor flat in this fabulous new development with state of the art technology and stylish design.  
2 Bedrooms , 2 Bathrooms , Reception Room , Kitchen , Balcony , 24 Hour Portering , Lift , Water Rates Included.

**FURNISHED**

**£2700 PER WEEK**



### **KENSINGTON GREEN, W8**

Selection of 1 and 2 bedroom flats in this excellent gated development.

1-2 Bedrooms, 1-2 Bathrooms, Reception Room, Kitchen, Lift, 24 Hour Portering, Underground Parking.

**FURNISHED/UNFURNISHED**

**FROM £550 PER WEEK**



### **REDCLIFFE SQUARE, SW10**

Excellent raised ground floor flat with beautiful proportions and wood floors.

2 Bedrooms, 2 Bathrooms, Reception Room, Kitchen/Breakfast Room.

**FURNISHED/PART FURNISHED**

**£1000 PER WEEK**





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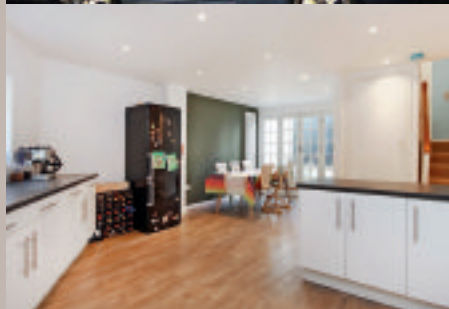
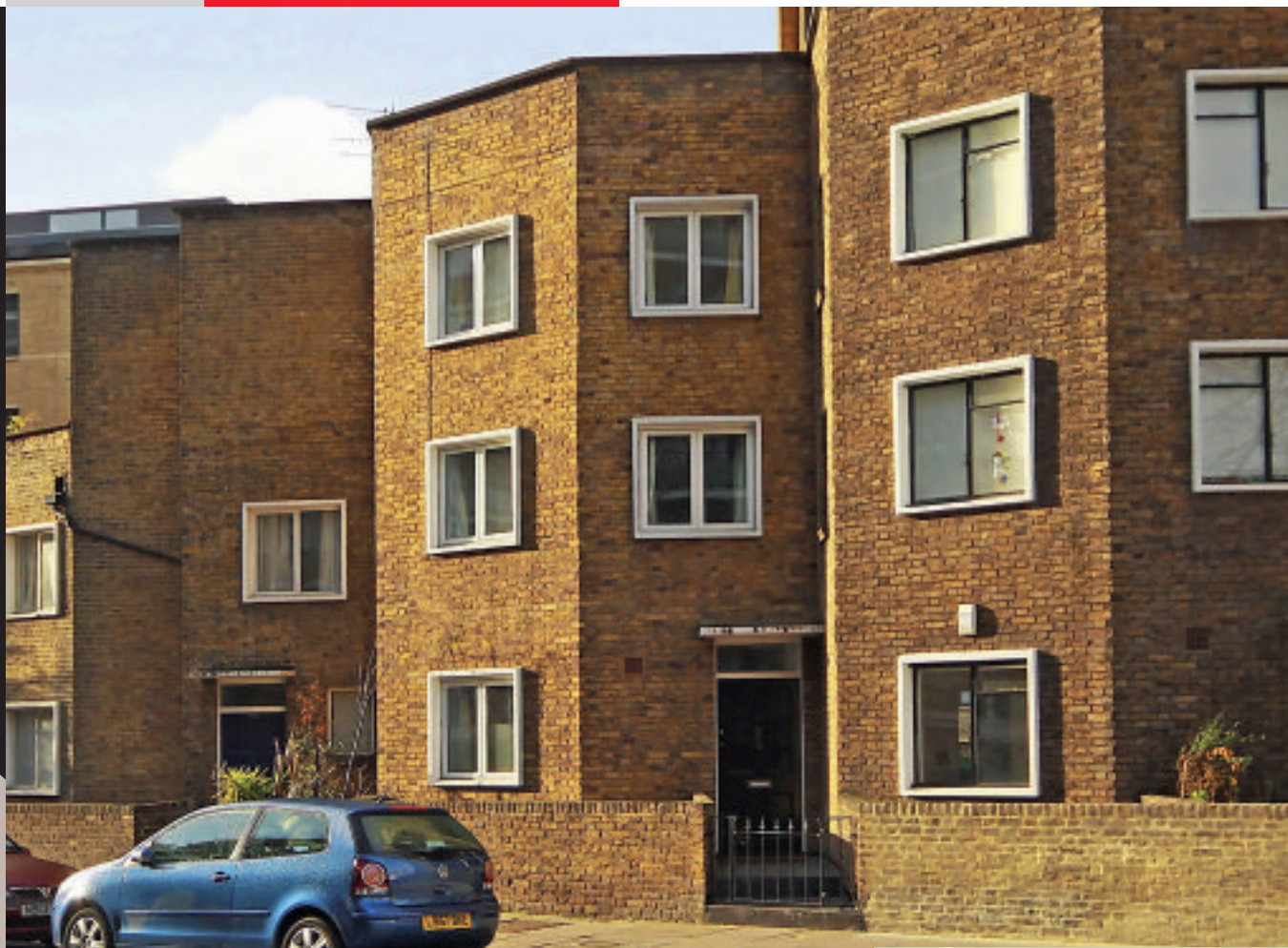
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## Lupus Street SW1

£1,150,000 (Subject to Contract)  
Freehold

A superb opportunity to purchase a well proportioned four bedroom freehold house (c. 1,475 sq ft) in Pimlico SW1. Recently refurbished to a high standard the accommodation offers a fine balance between entertaining space on the ground and basement levels and bedrooms on the upper two. The property also benefits from a fabulous 'Roof Top' terrace. Lupus Street is well located for all local transport and shopping. It is also within easy reach of Dolphin Square, the River and Battersea Park.





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Gloucester  
Street,  
SW1V  
£495 per week  
Furnished.  
Available now.



An absolutely lovely ground floor one bedroom apartment in Pimlico. Benefiting from well-proportioned rooms, high ceilings and natural light. The property is extremely well presented and has been newly furnished for the Tenant. Gloucester Street is one of Pimlico's favoured streets being located centrally within the ever popular 'grid' and is within easy reach of all local shopping and transport links including Victoria and Pimlico Stations. Photographed as previously furnished.

Fast find TR45969

Eccleston  
Square,  
SW1V  
£850 per week  
Furnished.  
Available end Jan.



A newly refurbished two bedroom, two bathroom apartment located on this highly desirable Garden Square in Pimlico. Benefiting from the nearby transport links of Victoria and within easy reach of Sloane Square. The property is immaculately presented in a contemporary style.





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Moore St. SW3 - Mid-terrace House



Onslow Mews East. SW7 - Private Mews



Kinnerton St. SW1 - Belgravia Mews House



Egerton Gdns. SW1 - Knightsbridge Apartment

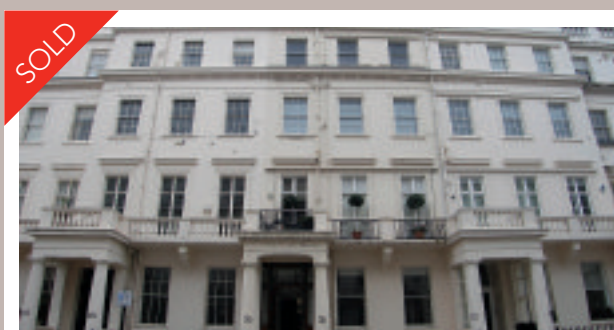
On average 102% of asking price achieved in 2011



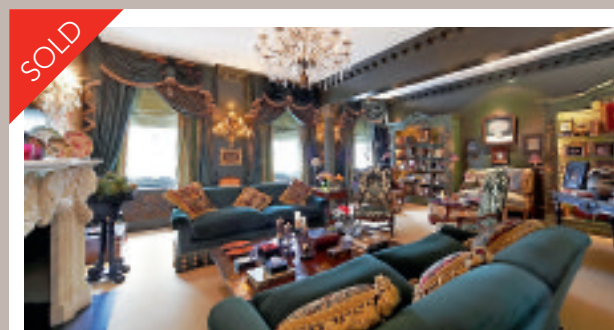
Chesham Pl. SW1 - Double Fronted House



Elm Park Lane. SW3 - Chelsea Mews House



Eaton Pl. SW1 - Ground and Lower Ground Apartment



Cadogan Square. SW1 - 3500 sq ft 2 Bed Lateral Flat



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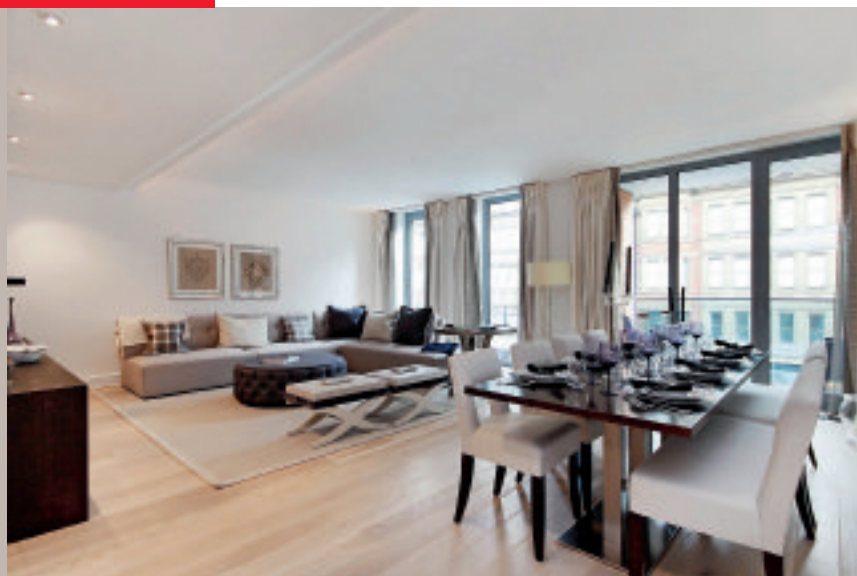
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Chevalier  
House, SW3  
£2995 per week  
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A stunning newly renovated flat situated on the second floor of this excellent portered building. Located across the road from Harrods the property is ideally located for the shops and amenities of Knightsbridge. The accommodation comprises of a superb reception room with floor to ceiling windows and balcony, Fully fitted kitchen, Master bedroom with dressing area and en suite, Second double bedroom with balcony and a Second bathroom. The apartment also benefits from having a lift, 24 hour porter and parking by separate negotiation.

Fast find TR45952

Cadogan Gardens,  
SW3  
£4000 per week  
Furnished. Available now.



A truly superb brand newly renovated apartment on the first and second floors of this period building. Located at this highly prestigious address the property is ideally located moments from Sloane Square and the Kings Road. Leading from the grand entrance hall on the first floor there are two large reception rooms with high ornate ceilings and beautiful fireplaces as well as a stunning newly fitted kitchen and guest cloakroom. On the second floor there is a generous master bedroom suite as well as two further good sized double bedrooms and two further bathrooms.



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## Accommodation

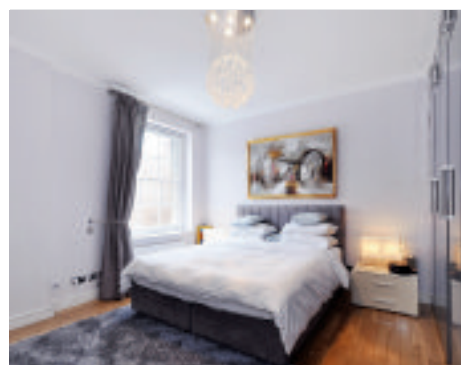
Entrance Hall, Double Reception Room, Kitchen, Conservatory/Dining Room, Master Bedroom with En-Suite Bathroom, Two Further Double Bedrooms, Single Bedroom 5/Study, Family/Media Room, Double Bedroom 4/Staff Accommodation, Cloakroom, Shower Room/Utility Room, Landscaped South Facing Rear Garden.

Joint Sole Agents

**Freehold | £2,100,000**



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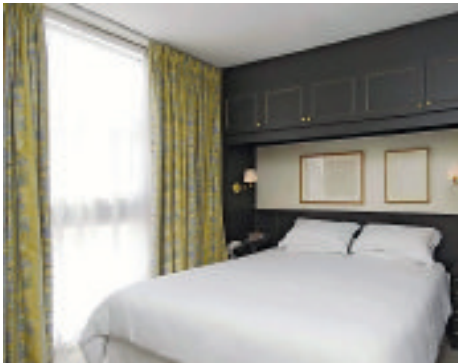
Thurloe Court, South Kensington, SW3

£1,225,000 Leasehold

A superb two bedroom apartment on the second floor of this purpose built block in the very heart of South Kensington. In excellent condition having been the subject of a recent refurbishment and benefiting from a long lease, low service charge, resident porter and lift access. Situated ideally for all the amenities of South Kensington and Chelsea including the underground station and many the many eateries and bars this thriving residential area boasts.

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Montagu Mews South, Marylebone W1

£2,400,000 Freehold

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## Shalcomb Street, London SW10



This stylish and distinctive contemporary house is beautifully presented and interior designed to a high standard. It was recently featured in Living Etc Magazine and is located in the popular 'ten acre' estate close to the shops and restaurants on both the King's Road and Fulham Road. It has the added advantage of off street parking. Available for sale or let (furnished or unfurnished).

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Freehold

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£3,950,000 STC

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£2,500 per week



## Hyde Park Gate

London, SW7

A palatial duplex apartment situated in this exclusive private street opposite Kensington Palace Gardens. The apartment offers over 4,600 sq ft of living space with large spacious rooms, high ceilings and good natural light. There are two parking spaces, a lift, a porter and excellent security.

6 Double Bedrooms • 4 Reception Rooms • Kitchen • 4 Bathrooms (3 En-suite) Cloakroom • 2 Shower Rooms (1 En-Suite) • Laundry Room • Lift • Porter

Unfurnished

£5,400 per week



## Cavaye Place

London, SW10

A newly refurbished town house in this quiet street situated just off the Fulham Road, close to the cinema and restaurants. It is arranged over four floors with a patio area/parking space. It has a brand new kitchen/dining room, bright ground floor reception then up to three bedrooms with a loft/bedroom four on the top floor.

3 Double Bedrooms • Bright Reception Room • 2 Bathrooms • Kitchen/Dining Room Loft/Attic Bedroom • Guest Cloakroom • Patio Area/Parking Space

Unfurnished

£1,350 per week



## Milner Street

London, SW3

A spacious and light, lateral apartment with high ceilings situated just off Cadogan Square, with use of the square gardens and tennis court (by arrangement with the Cadogan Estate). Newly refurbished in a light neutral style

3 Bedrooms • Reception/ Dining Room • Bathroom • Shower Room • Cloakroom Kitchen • Patio Garden • Sky digital television • Up to five telephone lines available Available part furnished (or furnished/ unfurnished by separate negotiation).

Unfurnished

£1,275 per week



## Grosvenor Square

London, W1

A substantial lateral apartment on Grosvenor Square, with views towards the square gardens. Comprising approximately 4,500 sq ft, it features high ceilings, a large entrance hall and is well laid out for formal entertaining and family living. It encompasses an entire floor of this prominent portered building and has spacious rooms and excellent storage.

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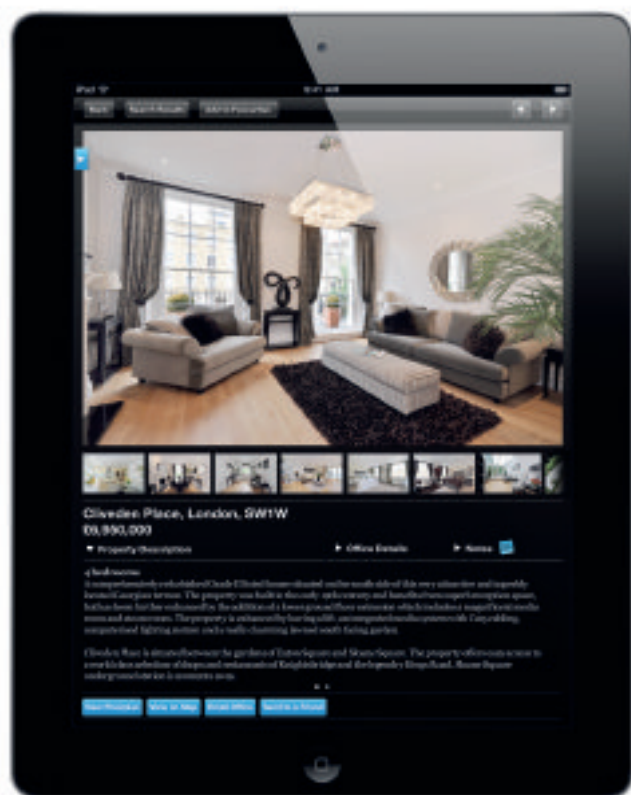
*"...browse an agency's entire property archive in minutes."*

The iPhone GPS function allows you to find your ideal location by country, city or postcode. All the information will then be served at your fingertips, from prices, to crisp-clear images of the homes on offer. You can refine your search to find the perfect spot, whether you're after a two bed in N1, or a cottage by Bournemouth beach. Make your search as bespoke as possible by inputting your budget limit. The app allows you to save your favourites, so you can post them to Facebook and twitter. If your home is on the market, you could help secure your own sale by tweeting the app link, and encouraging your Facebook friends to share the information. You could even set up individual social networking accounts for your property and generate an online following beyond your social circle.

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## Belgravia, SW1

Price on Application

A particularly elegant West facing first floor flat which benefits from a wonderful drawing room some 38 feet in length. Accommodation which covers approximately 1,249 square feet (116 square meters) is arranged on one floor over the corner of the building consequently there are plenty of windows creating masses of natural light. Eaton Place is located in the heart of Belgravia a short walk from Sloane Square and Knightsbridge.

- Reception Room
- Dining Room
- Kitchen
- Bedroom with En-Suite Bathroom
- Shower Room





# Area focus

News from Chelsea, Belgravia, Pimlico and Knightsbridge

## ... Belgravia

Belgravia buyers continued to search for Prime Central London property throughout the festive period, with a number of new buyers cleverly registering in December to be in the forefront of the minds of the agents that they contacted, primed to be 'top of the list' of call outs for the new instructions that will become available in the New Year. January is usually a good month, with a frenzy of new activity and New Year's resolutions. The continued widening of the gap between Prime Central London and the rest of the UK is predicted to continue throughout 2012 and the global wealth indicators all point to the area's safe haven store for their wealth, as well as taking advantage of cheap sterling and low interest rates. We look forward to working with you during 2012 and a very Happy New Year!

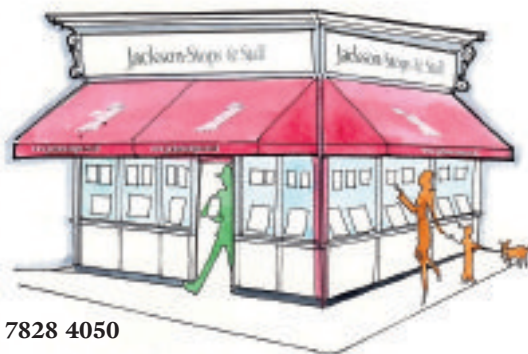
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## ... Pimlico

We are expecting the New Year to go with a bang in Pimlico. Even in the run up to Christmas the phones were warming up and we have worked hard at replenishing stock for the traditionally busy post-Christmas market. Christmas often brings engagements, weddings, divorces, new beginnings and this speeds up both rentals and sales activity. With some new stock coming to our register we are predicting a busy few weeks and tenants will have to be quick if they want to snap up the best properties. The more we know about you and your requirements the better we can be at matching you with the right property - so give us a call.

**Georgina Clarke, Jackson-Stops & Staff, 020 7828 4050**



## ... Chelsea

Happy New Year! From a Central London estate agent's point of view, 2011 has been a thoroughly enjoyable and successful year. We have had considerable success in both Sales and Lettings and I am sure that the main reason for this buoyancy in our market is largely down to the location of where we work. Prime Central London has bucked the national and international trend; the phrase "Prime Central London residential property is smelling like gold" has been bandied about throughout the year and this has assisted us but also kept a lid on the volume -

supply and demand and the lack of alternatives in which to invest promotes a frenzy when quality instructions hit the market and so now, more than ever, our focus has to be upon nurturing our clients.

**Ben Osborne, Farrar & Co, 020 7244 4444**



## ... Knightsbridge

Well 2011 was an interesting year in many ways. Many successes to report, prices steadily grew, particularly in the first half of the year, and overall in sales marginally more so than in lettings. The very continuous theme throughout the year was lack of good quality stock and I think we have all accepted that this is the new stock level now and it isn't going to change. A large proportion of good property is sold discreetly 'off market' for reasons, amongst others, of privacy, confidentiality and exclusivity so I think the public to some extent do not realise what levels these transactions are taking place at and certainly not the volume of them. 2012 is going to be another interesting year. The Eurozone needs to sort itself out, but either way Knightsbridge remains a safe haven for money and investments, let alone a lavish place to live, eat and shop and I think us agents are quietly confident it will be another blinding year.

**Caroline MacLean, Brian Lack & Co, 020 7225 0878**





# Agent speaks

Douglas & Gordon's Ivor Dickinson salutes the Great British public

**W**hat a year 2011 has been for Douglas & Gordon. Our web virals were a massive success – beyond my wildest dreams – still talked about today, suitably controversial and, let's be honest, quite funny. I can't lie – for a time, I was concerned this might be my "Ratner" moment, but luckily the Great British public got the joke and left egg on the faces of those so called industry experts who were so critical at the time.

This year's corporate campaign, "Extraordinary People", was many months in planning and has been one of our most successful to date. Not sure entirely why December's Barbie image went down so badly with some people – I thought it was genius, but then you can't please people all the time. We were voted the second best estate agent in the United Kingdom by our industry peers and, most important of all, had a pretty successful year for our clients, selling and letting more property than ever before and remaining London's largest independent agent. Thank you all for your support.

However, it is December 1, 2011 that I will remember most fondly - D&G Kids Co Day 2. After the success of our first Kids Co Day last year, I was worried that maybe the

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company would not be as enthusiastic this time round and with the economic climate as it is, would the public be so generous? Silly me, of course they were. As we did last year, we closed all of our offices for the day so a big thank you to our understanding clients and, yet again, we hit the streets.

Let me tell you, it is a VERY long day. You have no idea the work that goes into collecting just one can of beans for a Kids Company Christmas hamper. It is quite possible to knock on 20 doors before you even find someone who is in and then you may come across au pairs, housekeepers or friends who are unable to donate without the owner's permission. Then, just as you begin to despair as to how you are ever going to fill one hamper, let alone thousands, a kind soul

will invite you into their kitchen and you will leave ten minutes later armed with carrier bags full of all sorts of goodies.

By the end of the day, we had filled nearly 400 removal boxes (kindly donated by the removal firm Like Clockwork) with food weighing nearly eight tonnes. We also raised £8,300 in cash and were given over 1,300 brand new toys. The food alone will be enough to fill 1,500 children's hampers this Christmas and I am incredibly proud of every single member of Douglas & Gordon for their hard work and hugely grateful to everyone who donated. Luckily, we have a few months to recharge our batteries before Kids Co Day 3 next year. ■

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£1,545,000 Leasehold  
 Cadogan Gardens SW3

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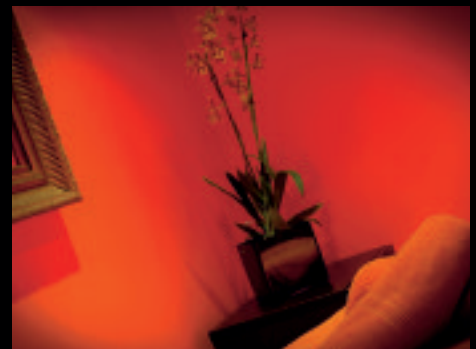








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